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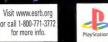




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I sincerely hope that all of you trying to get your hands on a PlayStation 2 are successful. The launch, while an unprecedented success, was also the cause of a lot of frustration, and we completely understand. We were right there with you, standing in lines, waiting at ungodly hours of the morning. And some of us have continued to try every week since. Don't think that just because we're the official magazine means that we somehow managed to tap into a magic stash of systems. No siree. Many of us are still trying hard to get our hands on one (Mr. Rybicki, for example, just this minute came back from a store where he nearly got into a fight over one). Hopefully by the time you read this, the steady flow of units will be pouring into stores at a rate of 100,000 a week. Will this be enough? Judging from demand so far it seems as if it's not-but don't give up hope. Keep hunting and you're sure to track one down. Anticipate the Sunday newspaper promotions, find out the days that stores get deliveries...try trudging out to a store in the middle of nowhere. It'll be worth it when you get it. And even more worth it when you see what Gran Turismo 3 promises early next year. Mmmmm.



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## SPIDER-MAN EVERYONE

If we were going to have Stan Lee writing in our illustrious pages, then we just had to let you get a taste of the game that he is, ultimately, responsible for creating. It's the greatest superhero game ever made, so start your web-slinging now!

## THE GRINCH EVERYONE

Now that you're buzzing with holiday cheer and anticipation, check out this month's Grinch demo. You'll get involved with all types of shenanigans in Whoville. It's just a shame that the marvelous Jim Carrey was too busy to pitch in on some voice acting

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The real danger of this demo is that after witnessing all of those cuddly little puppies, you might feel inclined to go dump a whole load of cash on a purebred dalmatian of your own. Disney's certainly cornered the market on cute pups, and this is no exception.

## **ARMY MEN AIR ATTACK 2 TEEN**

Air Attack 2 is one of the finest of the Army Men series. Here you'll be welcomed into a world of little green and little beige machines, one determined to melt the other into a pile of goo. This might seem lots like the first Air Attack, but the copter's winch mechanics have been upped.

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If you liked the first Medal of Honor, you're bound to love the second. This game has the power to envelop you in the different facets of brutal warfare. The music of the game is another way that the intensity is accentuated, coaxing you to understand that bitter, difficult World War II period.

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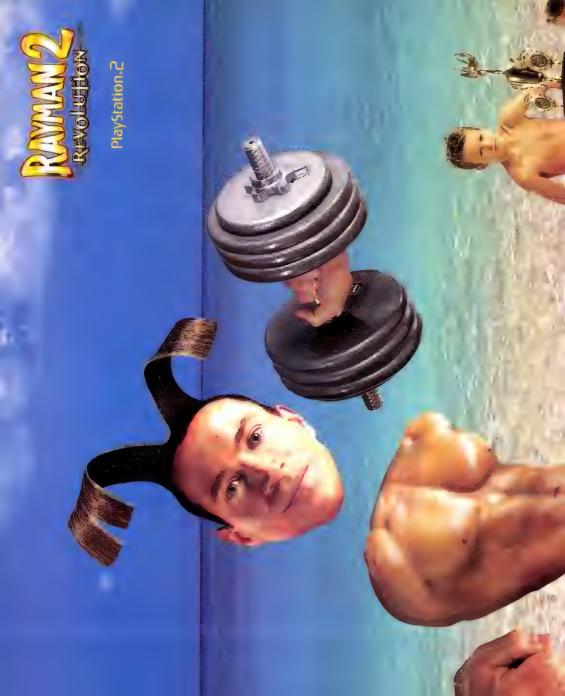
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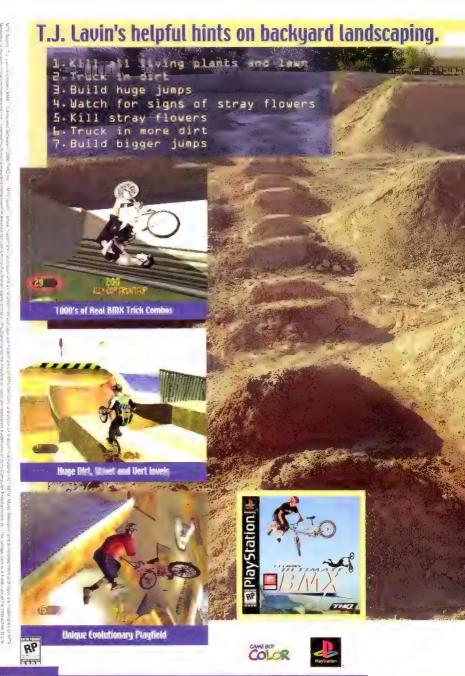


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## Driver 2

What is it?

It's none other than the highly anticipated sequel to one of the most highly anticipated and highly regarded games of 1999 Driver part deux features the return of the ever-incognito Agent Tanner, who along with partner Tobasis once again behind the wheel of justice, uncovering and dismantling a scheme between a Chicago bookkeeper and the Brazilian mob [they have a mob?]

Driver 2 has a whole slew of upgrades that fans have been clamoring for ever since completing the original. Topping the list of new features is Tanner's ability to get out of the car and walk around the city. Some missions will require tasks that can be pulled off only by a pedestrian, like setting timers for explosives. flipping switches (drawbridges, perhaps?), and unlocking various locked doors. Tanner can also carrack the vehicles of law abiding citizens [all in the name of justice, of course], including fire trucks and school buses, which ought to make for some very interesting chase scenes The game takes place in four new cities. Las Vegas, Chicago, Havana and Rio de Janeiro-all scenic locales and excellent fodder for street driving Reflections has overcome its case of the perpendiculars and added curved roads this time around, along with things like highway offramps, so you'll have to spend some time honing your technique. New modes include racing



and a multiplayer splitscreen (not available in mission mode). That was the brief rundown— now on to the demo

### How does it play?

Frustrating Rediculous Maddening All were words that came to mind after spending 10 minutes with the demo Now, this gamer wasn't alive for the majority of the 1970s, but he s pretty sure they didn't make cars that bounced 40 feet away on contact or could balance on a taillight for a seemingly indefinite amount of time

The only advice we can give you is this Do not np your hair out or try to snap your controller in half Perhaps the right car wasn't available in time for this demo, or maybe the physics aren't yet tweaked to perfection, or maybe the game is really, really hard. Let the porn-funk basslines calm your nerves, and cooler heads will prevail

If this is what the final product feels like, the Demo Disc Psychic predicts a lot of disappointed Driver fans hurling their controllers at the television. Check out if the bossman confirms that prediction in this month's review section.



## CAN YA DIG?

If there was one decade that Americans would like to completely erase from the record books, it would most likely be the '70s, Bell bottoms, leisure suits and perrocks, to name but a few monstrosities. But not everything born in decade number seven was horribly offensive. Among this small but elite group are some really solid to use the partance of the times) car chase/action movies and TV series.

Builitt (1968, but close enough) Mannix (again, late '60s) Cannon The Franch Connection (great chase scene) Smokey and the Bandit Shaft (awesome despite lack of cars)

Heck, the 70s saw the explosion of a certain phenomenon that still provides many with late-night entertainment to this day. What? We were talking about Relier Derby or ESPN Classic. What were you thinking?

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## Spider-Man

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Our demo begins with our hero patrolling the

magnificent yet strangely foggy skyline of New York City. Reporting a lead to his boss, Parker finds out that the Scorpion bas found Jamison, and he s a bit peeved. It turns out Scorp holds a bit of a grudge against J.J. (the guy ruined his life and turned him into a crazed maniac-can you blame

him?| Now you're faced with the American Dream in reverse saving your boss life

You're working against the clock here, so there's little time to swing around and explore the city. You've got no time to dilly-dally, so make a beeline for the Daily Bugle building lbetween this. Air Attack and Driver 2, this month's disc sure is



## The Grinch

(with apologies to the good Doctor...) You're a mean one. Mr. Grunch Your game isn't that fun. You're stinking up houses with your rotten egg gun, Mr. Grinch They'll sell your game in November, when it's done You're an odd one, Mr. Grinch You walk around with an evil prance Your graphics hopefully the P52 will enhance. Mr. Granch But we're wondering why you don't wear any pants

You're a foul one, Mr. Grinch. You jump on every present in sight, You'll offer us a new experience, our money's a little tight, Mr. Grinch. Gamers won't buy every 3D platformer game ever made (well, some might) L1 CALL GADGET



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R1 SNIPER MODE



heavy on the pressure situations]. Follow the Spidey compass and dispatch any bad guys in your path Once you get to J.J 's office, keep Scorpion distracted long enough for the bossman to make an escape. Continue defending J.J. and attacking with web punches, and look out for Scorp's brutal tail attacks

If you dig the demo, sling yourself down to the local game store-Spider-Man in full is currently available

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## **102 Dalmatians**

Another month, another licensed 3D adventure itemcollecting game. Cynicism aside Ithe Psychic's not a mean guy, really), here s 102 Dalmatians. Actually, here's hoping they make a lot of money on this one, if only so they won't have to resort to using Steve from accounting as a voice actor. "Heythat'sgreatlet'ssaveourpuppies" indeed.

L1 CAMERA LEFT

L2 CAMERA LEFT

R1 CAMERA RIGHT

R2 CAMERA RIGHT



You've just finished playing the Spider-Man

demo, immersing yourself in the fantastic

world of comic books brought to life. But

a web-slinging mutant? According to Dr.

Steven Bull of the South Hartford Institute

of Technology, mutations of the superhero

frankly," the doctor elaborates, "I wouldn't

human race evolves into a culture of beings

with superhuman abilities. Whether or not

we use these abilities for good or evil pur-

poses remains to be seen." Is it time to

panic? Maybe it is...maybe, indeed

variety can happen to anyone. "Quite

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Army Man, Army Man, does whatever an Army ca ...er, sorry The boys in green once again take to the skies in Air Attack 2, the sequel to one of the better Army Men-based games released last year. The demo level is a good representative of the whole gameobjective-centered missions, fast-paced gameplay, and the love-itor-hate-it charm of Army Men. The Psychic s Hint-O'-The Month: Get past the air vents by finding the vent that's not against you; just be prepared for immediate and heavy enemy fire. Air Attack 2 lands gracefully on store shelves in November

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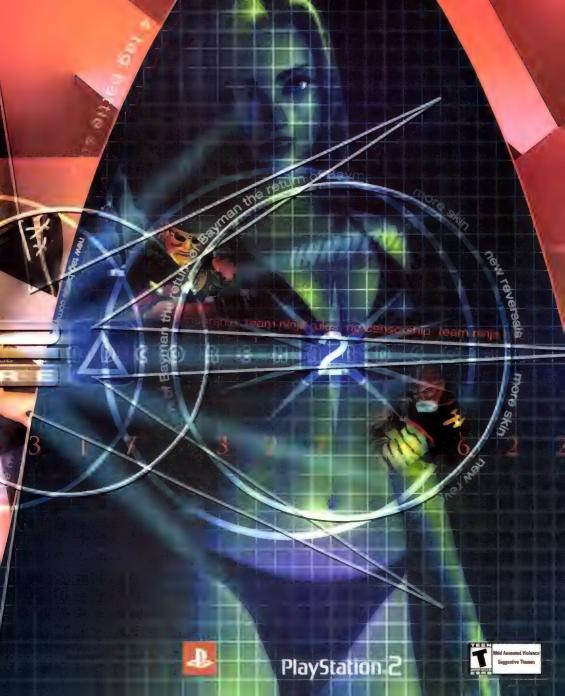
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Having been an avid video pamer for 24 years or so II'm 34 now!. I hail and commend you for your couples profile of Liz and Lori in OPM 38 To be honest I was surprised and relieved to see a same-sex couple grace the pages of a gaming(I) magazine. To represent diversity with such frankness in a publication as this shows a definitive and hopeful sign of forwardness and non-biased reporting for you and our slowly evolving society Basically, you rock! And though I was already considering it, you ve just put the icing on the cake: For the first time in at least 10 years, I'm actually going to fork over the money for a year's subscription to a magazine Being a skateboarder, electronic

The "world's normal boundaries"?! According to whom, Mr. psychotik? "I like girl-on-girl action"?! Good for you, Orayus—but that's not why we featured Liz and Lori. Nor did we choose them to "get with the modern program." Liz and Lori love games, love each other, and that's good enough for us. And now for another opinion on the subject...

**Couples Congratulations** 

## **Screen Caption Contest**

Every month we run a pic, and it's your job to come up with a with zeathon that makes us laugh so hard our heads tail off. E-mait your captions to **OPM@zifdavis.com** and mark the subject **CAPTION CONTEST** The new contest picture, a juicy shot taken from Danger Girl, should be easy enough.



WINNER! "A sexual dilemma for farmers." himmighoefer@surf1.de



NEXT MONTH Think of something that'll titillate our funny bones, and you might be our next winner.

## **Couples Controversy**

I have been a faithful subscriber to your excellent magazine for doing on two years. and until now I have loved every issue However, as I was flipping through the pages of the November issue, I came upon an article that absolutely appalled me. It was on page 47, I fied "Couples who play logether, stay together." My obvious objection was the fact that your "couple" was two lesbians realize that you guys are trying to get with the modern program overcoming racial and sexist conflicts, but can't you just stick with what the majority of the public considers normal? I mean, what if I auditioned for this article with my extremely racist skinhead or Klanswoman girlfriend? Would you publish us? I doubt it! I don't like putting you guys down for anything, but please just lay off the modern stuff and stay within the world's normal boundaries

### psychotik\_robotik@bouncingboob.com



Hey. OPM I think you're a great mag, but there's one thing you did in your November issue that was kind of controversial. You put a lesbian couple in "Couples who play together, stay together," I have nothing against gays (in fact, I like girl on-girl action) But I'm pretty sure there are kids who read your magazine, and parents may want to shield that kind of stuff from their children. Maybe you should just feature straight couples from now on I don't mean to offend anybody -tike I said. I like oirt-ongirl action. Lesbians can get away with a lot of stuff, but if you put a gay couple in there (guy-on-guy action), I would really be sick. Orayus@aol.com

## LETTER OF THE MONTH

Gaming is the Best Medicine My father celebrated his 60th birthday

this past June, and for his gift I got him a subscription to OPM. He told me recently that it was the best gift he got for his birthday. He loves both the magazine and the demo disc that comes with it.

I love seeing him so happy. All dad was lorced into early retirement some time, so because he physically wasn't able to work. His muscles ached all the time, and over the years his condition got worse. He was finally diagnosed with a disease of the muscles and tendons called Fibromyalgia. It affects people differently. In my father's case, he has it throughout his entire body. Doctors told him the more active he was, the more pain he would be in. I think you can see where this is going.

About a year and a half ago my dad bought a PlayStation, since there wasn't reality a whole lot for him to do. It's not like he is bedridden or anything. His pain is for the mosi part under control as long as he takes it easy. There isn't much that he can do that he enjoys. Lucklip he can play video games atmost pain free. And since I've been playing games for the better part of 31 years, it's like being a kid again. I have someone to play with. Actually I think it makes my dad feet like a kid again, ion.

Basically video games and your magazine have made my family just a little closer. I get to talk with my dad about the latest games and the new PS2 (which he already has ordered with a deposit so he's guaranteed to get one). My mother even plays Gran Turismo and Driver with him.

I would like to ask everyone who thinks video games are a waste of time, and that nothing good ever came from playing thom. If there's something that can make you forget about your pain or stress, and bring geople a little closetogether, how is that not good?

Thanks to everyone there for putting out an excellent product. Dad thanks you too John Abbntt Jimbabbott@voyager.net

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## QUESTION OF THE MOMENT

This month you tell what you were doing when the PS2 launched. Next month, we'd like to turn your attention to G13. Which car do you hope to see in the game? E-mail your thoughts to OPMGziffdavis.com. Mark your notes G13 Car.

I took one of my friends up to Software Etc. to pick up his PS2, then I went home and wept like a schoolgin and tried to plan out how I could steal it. It was harsh, really

Deathscythe6443@aol.com

I woke up, went to school, and did homework John Boreyko Jobreyko@intrex.net

Sleeping. Preorders are great. I avoided the rush and got mine later in the day Brian Gallagher Stirderlägrolen.com

I was repeatedly poking myself to remain awake after staying up the entire night, awaiting the most glorious day in the history of the world! gamespell@juno.com

I was waiting in a cold, foggy parking lot in front of my local Wai-Mart for seven hours with my girlfriend. The wait was worth it—it's the best console ever. Until PS3, of course!

Jeremy Knasel Jknasel@hotmail.com

I was standing in time for my PS2<sup>1</sup> I waited for seven hours

Torrey Clark tecn64@aol.com

Nothin'. I think I was watchin porn, or sleeping, I dunno ElTravo00@aol.com

Sleeping on my desk at school gopeder2000@rcn.com

I was unfortunately working at 12:01 a.m., and that sucked. Oh, welf...I guess I have to slip some store clerk a fifty in order to get my PS2 **Etlis Hardaway** [edimasterdarkloner@yahoo.com

Anthony Antfactor

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We're glad you enjoyed our couple, Anthony. But like we said before, we chose Liz and Lori simply because they're a loving pair who happen to be passionate about gaming. And while we're all for diversity, we're more focused on featuring interesting couples that have interesting things to say than making political statements.

## Soundtrack Debacle

StrngeWlf@aol.com

Yeah, yeah, yeah...FFVI is technically a PS one game, even though it's a reissue of a 16-bit Super Nintendo game. So you're technically correct. But you're also technically annoying.

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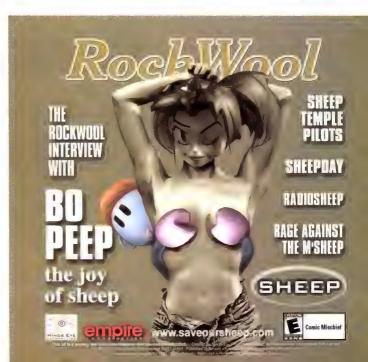
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All righty, WarPreed-take a deep breath. Now go back and re-read that letter, Notice anything funny about it? Like the fact that IT'S A SPOOF ?! One very clever reader fabricated a story about rampaging Guardian Forces and deadly Soul Reavers, all of which nicely captured the absurdity of linking violence with video games. Why didn't we respond? BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY DARN OBVIOUS THAT IT WAS SATIRE! Now we ask you: Whose side do YOU think we're on?

## THE SOAP BOX

I was one of those lucky bastards who glommed onto a PS2 on launch day Italk about maniacs, I'm surprised I came back with two arms!). Anyhow, I'm not here to gloat, but it's important that I'm one of the lucky few who went home with a system (kidding, of course). I picked up a couple of launch games that OPM recommended. I got SSX and Madden to start with, since I'm a big sports fan and, hell, who doesn't want to try snowboarding, even here in Kentucky! Go Wildcats!

So I'm sitting home before work. trying to sneak in the first game of my Madden franchise, when I noticed those eyeballs. Jesus crimany! What kind of aliens are playing football?! They're all pupils. I nearly crapped myself. Me and my wife (we're separated, trying to work things out) went to see The Exorcist just a few nights ago. That's what they reminded me of: possessed freaks!

**Benjamin Gills** 

Got something you want to rant about? Get on our soap box and vent. E-mail us at OPMRziffdavis com and mark the subject line SOAPBOX



## **Hore Crash to Bash**

Robert Kimmel

Thanks for the tip, Robert. Our Demo Disc editor must have gotten a bit too bored playing Crash Bash to realize there was more to the demo. And really now, can you blame him?



th we pick one exceptional piece as our Reader Art of nth. The winner will have his/her piece published and will receive a new game or game-related item in the mail—so ide your mailing address with all submissions. Congrats to month's winner, Jonathan Robinson, for his revealing renon of Peelacke



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## OT TIP!

when the PS2 is coming out? I hearn a rumor that it is coming out in December is this true? Fred Burg

Hot dang, Fred! The PS2 is coming out?! Wowee. We better ge right on that story! Thanks for the tip:

## BUYER...

I'm the guy who spent \$6000 on a PlayStation 2 an eBay, HA HA HA and everyons else is missing uni en PS2, I m having too muc fun, HA HA HA!!! want2bejock@

HA HA, we are laughing at you. not with you. HA HA HAHAHEHO.

## BEWARE If I paint my PS black and sell it to desperate dolts looking for a PS2, how uch would I

Charles Cordero

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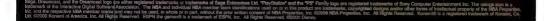






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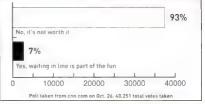
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March 6, 2000 - 980,000 PS2 systems already sold in Japan

May 11, 2000 - U.S. PS2 shown for the first time. Sony announces Oct. 26 U.S. launch date and info

Sept. 27, 2000 - Sony announces only 500,000 PS2s to be available at launch.

Oct. 26, 2000 - All hell breaks loose.

Top-selling PS2 games for the week of Oct. 22 to Oct. 28



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Above: Imagine being stuck after this guy! The second person in line for a PS2 at the Metreon paid almost entirely with coins. Left: Check aut Husse mad Tekken skills.



## CAUGHT UP IN THE HYPE

As a historian, I've always been more concerned with the past than the present. Today never interests me until it becomes yesterday. So whenever a new video game console comes on the market I tend not to be interested in it until it's not so new anymore. During my 22-year love affair with video games I've never purchased a console on its launch date. I never had



to. With a collection of more than 1,600 games, I have plenty to keep me busy.

That all changed on Oct. 26, 2000.

I should have learned my lesson last year. When the Dreamcast went on sale I fell vicitim to the hype and conveniently found myself at a Comp-USA on its launch day. The mere fact that Comp-USA was sold out made me want to buy the system even more. I picked one up a week later and by that time three were plenty in stock.

So did I learn the valuable lesson of preordering? Of course not! Last December I began purchasing DVDs even though I didn't have a player to watch them on. Some of my favorite movies were available and they were inexpensive. I reasoned that I would be buying a DVD player eventually and these movies might not be available then.

By January I was itching for that DVD player, and by that time stores were beginning to take preorders for the P52. But I couldn't decide whether I was going to get a DVD console that played games (NUONI or a game console that played DVDs (P52). After seeing the two at E3 last May I was learing toward the NUON, especially since the first DVD console with the NUON chip was scheduled to be on shelves a month later. I knew I would get a PS2 eventually, but my priorities had shifted.

Well that first NUON-powerd DVD player arrived in June, but it cost \$500 and the reviews for it didn't exactly rave about the games. By then I had amassed over 20 DVD titles and was impatient to watch them, so I went out and bought a no-name bare-bones DVD player for \$140. I couldn't wait around until the PS2's debut in October. Hence, once again no reason to preorder.

By then the news started coming out that Sony wouldn't have enough consoles to fulfill demand. Since I hadn't preordered, I figured there was no sense in doing so, because stores couldn't guarantee delivery. Then the news arrived that Sony would be cutting by half the number of consoles that it would deliver.

On Oct. 26 I went to my local Software Etc., where I was greeted by a list of names of those who would be getting consoles. Inside I watched those who had the forethought to preorder pick up their machines. I actual got to see a PS2 box! I then promised myself that I would never let this happen again.

So now I'm waiting for the preorders to begin for the PS3. Hey, who knows? I may get one before I can get a PS2!

Leonard Herman

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### Sony PS9 On Sale Now

t's this? PlayStation 97 Did I s something? Actually, no. This is the advertising campaign Sony used for the PS2 for the launch e basic premise: The year is 2078 and the PS9 is now available The system has spores that can tap right into your adrenal gland, and es with such features as a d-control system, improved retinal scanning, holograp movie surround vision, and tele ic personal music. Soun ty intense, huh? Well, then the PS9 commercial comes to a close a PS2 comes into the light, and the text reads: the beginning. For those who haven't seen it, the entire commercial is very futuristic and Matrix-ey. It's definitely cool. And it kinda makes you wo hat games might actually be like in 2078



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The U.S. has never seen such outright enthusiasm for a game platform before. Whereas in Japan it is common to see lines outside game stores for a video game platform launch, never before has this happened in the States. Pictured to the right is *EGM's* surtly Canadian.



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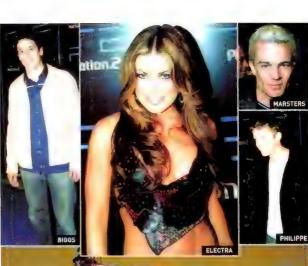






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#### Mikami's Little Secret

Resident Evil producer Shinji Mikami has slipped us word that he's developing a new survival horror game for the PS2 called The Devil May Cry. Apparently, it's even darker than RE.

#### CHRIS GORE TRUTH IN ADVERTISING

I can't stand packaging that bends the truth, exaggerates or just blatantly lies. We ve all seen products that advertise themselves as "new-and-improved" but generally aren't. How many times have we all bought some sugar-coated cereal only to realize that the prize inside is just some hunk of cheap plastic and not a coal hot rod? (Cheerios, in fact, still, puts strawberries on the box even though there isn't a dam strawberry to be found.)

And I can't tell you how many times I've bought a Batman comic book with the headline on the cover "Robin Diest" only to read it and discover that Batman only thought Robin was dead. I even ordered that six-foot working submarine advertised in the back of the comics and it turned out to be an oval-shaped cardboard box. Suckered again. Fruit juices with only 10 percent fruit juice, vitamins that give you power, fruit roll-ups that will make the sky open up and take you to the rainbow world where it rains candy...ENDUGH!

The point is that companies will say anything on the outside of the package to get you to open your wallet and shell out the cash to buy what's inside. The video game industry is no different.

I'm a game from way back. How long ago? This was a long, long time ago, before even *The Empire Strikes Back* came to theaters the very first time! I can remember my first game system vividy. I got an Odyssey 2 that had an actual keyboard attached to the console. I really wanted to play the football game, which featured an amazing rendition of a running back blazing a trail. The game itself was just a bunch of white dots lwhich didn't even look like people! on a green background with lines. The sound consisted of varied uses of "his." It sucked.

The Atari 2600 was even more blatant, with games like Battlezone featuring a painting of an epic war scene complete with spectacular exploding tanks. Dots.

No matter what game I bought back then, it seemed that the more fantastic the picture, the lamer the result. Space Combat. Dots. Baseball. Dots. Solaris. Obts. Obtaing ever matched the picture on the cover. Even the modern game systems never seemed to match the artist's imagination when it came to an epic war scene, a stellar sporting event or a galactic space war.

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New, with the release of the PS2, everything has changed. The PS2 represents the first time in video game history when the picture on the cover of the package actually represents what the game looks like! I've been waiting my whole gaming life for this! And for that we should all applaud. Me? I'm holding

Me? I'm holding back tears of joy...(sob).

Chris Gore



## Chrono Trigger To Hit U.S. Shores?

Fan letters prompt Square to consider it

#### **Sony Online Announces Planetside**











Sega on PS one? Sega of Japan has informed us that the company will soon be porting many of its huge library of games to other platforms, mentioning the PS one as a strong likelihood. The company intends on raising revenue by focusing on software rather than hardware. Did someone say Sonic on PS one?

#### **KOF Still Alive**



Good news, fighting game fans: King of Fighters 99 for the P5 one is headed to the U.S. after all. Atthough the release was in doubt due to SNK's unfortunate U.S. depar ture, Agetec has snapped up the rights and will release it this month.

#### Hardcore Babes



Knowing that well-endowed, scantily clad babes have been an integral part of the appeal of its DOA series, Tecmo has placed a new ad in Maxim that shows off its assets. The ad is meant to parody the front cover of the men's magazine.

"I can't marry you...I just got PlayStation 2. It's very timeconsuming."

-Saturday Night Live's Jimmy Fallon, during a Weekend Update sketch.

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-Angelina Jolle

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On the Tomb Raider set with Angelina Jolie

# CHARTING NEW WATERS

A new movie, a new game, a new star—Lara Croft is finally being reborn in the style she deserves

Lara Croft has narrowly cheated death yet again.

Just a tew seconds earlier, Croft's trademark silbouette emerged from the shadows of a dark tomb buried deep below the earth in the jungles of Cambodia. Forty feet beneath ner, three men, tlanked by a small army of machine gun-welding thugs, spot Croft a she peers down at them. Suddenly, gunfin pierces the air, bullets whizzing by the world's most famous virtual herome.

Blaid your fire? shouls a man in a black hat. Judging from his chiseled good looks and perfect diction, he's obviously a bad guy.

But Lara knows these men. And she knows their plans are about to go awry. With a knowing smirk, she tells them as much. They are not bapty to base it

Frustration evident in his voice, the man in the black hat shouts up to Lara: 'Lady Croft' Can you give me one good reason why live kept you ative?'

It's a valid guestion—one that we've been wondering ourselves for quite a while. Car anyone offer any good reason to keep this once-great character alive? After five games in as many years [including Tomb Raiden Chronictes, which should be hitting retail as you read this), many have questioned whethe Lara Croft has lost her relevance.

Heck, even Adrian Smith, director of operations at developer Core, agrees. I'm very loasead to say Chronicles is the last in theil senes as we currently know it, "Smith told us "We're delighted because it's the end of a long penod for us and the beginning of something very new."

notee. But after inverting years, Lara is inality getting the treatment she deserves. We evently flew to England to spend two days on the set of the *Tomb Rader* move, chatting with cast and crew, including the beautiful Angelina Jolie. And that's where we wilnessed the above scenario. This wasn't an invent from a game. No, it was an actual moment from the film, which we watched as we stood on the way impressive set, Jolie in uit costum as a perfect Lara Chott.

We also stopped off at Core's offices to find out the latest on the PS2 Tomb Raider game which finally will be a radical departure from the Tomb Raiders of past.

And we're-convinced. A new big-budget movie due out in the summer of 2001. A new direction for the next-generation games. A new life for Lara Croft



#### TOMB RAIDER CONTINUED



Fum adaptations of video names have been a mixed lot at best, with most being barely worthy of 1 straight-to-video release. But any doubts about the production values and the potential quality of the forthcoming Tomb Raider film were guickly put to rest the moment we set foot on the vast sound. stages of Pinewood Studios just outside of London

Not only did we wander through the inside of Croft manon, complete with intricate Victorian fetails and a high-tech command center. Not only Itd we get lost in an immense underground tomb walls I ned with hundreds of stone monkey war riors, a giant Buddha on one end, hanging vines Jangling throughout, ledges and corridors and fall In stanework everywhere. Not only did we see a vast set filled by an enormous model of the planets apparently constructed by a long-lost civilization

But we also saw an impressive cast and Tex with an equally impressive list of awards and creiter tials behind them. Start with Simon West at the helm, a man who also directed blockbusters Like Con Air and The General's Daughter And then there's producer

Loyd Levin (Boogie Nights), for whom this project A labor of love "Fandom came first, then pursuit and then acquisition of the rights. Levin told us -I really like the game-I have a real respect for the



#### For the latest on the Tomb Raider movie, go to www.tombraidermovie.com.

But as we all know, without it well drive up d As soon as West sign.

### "[Angelina Jolie] is Lara Croft. There's very little difference between the two of them."

haracter⊷but so does everyone etse here. I think veryone shares the same enthusiasm I have Whether you're tooking at the cast, at the produc tion design or the wardrobe lit's all being taken very seriously." And that was evident from our conversations with other cast and crew members, who have worked on everything from recent Bond films to The Patriot and The Mummy

This is no throwaway production. This is no Super Mario Bros or Mortal Kombat This Path 1 budget extravaganza worthy of the Tomb Raider acense. Even the sets themselves are spectacles You have the biggest stage in Europe right here says production designer Kirk Petrucceili, "and we filled it." But the sheer scale of the sets is just the

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## "THIS IS EXACTLY WHO I AM!"

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#### You're well known for playing serious, even intense characters. Was Lara Croft a departure for you?

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#### Do you play the Tomb Raider games?

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#### Any worries about taking on the role of a sex icon for gaming geeks?

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#### What about the rumors that Jonny Miller [Jolie's ex-husband] was a Tomb Raider fan, and that you took this role as revenge?

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#### So you are showing your butt?

You've had to cover up your tattoos for this film. a proving a wall

#### What was your inspiration for the character?

#### What do you want the audience to take away from this film?

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#### TOMB RAIDER CONTINUED



With majestic sets and exotic locales, Tomb Raider has a visual style that rivals the game.

is a child. So there s a whole emotional child abardonment theme in there as well. That lather, by the way, is played by none other than Jolie's real affather Jon Voight

Finally, and most important, there s the star of the film Ask anyone on the Tomb Raider set what hi thinks of Angetina Jolle, and hell guickly to a standard Lara Croft. The enchanting actress has managed apture her characle and the

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favorite series? Or will the tum take Lara in whole new directions? From what we ve seen, perhaps a bit of both. The challenge is to make a second second

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## LARA'S NEW LOOK

With a body that defies human proportions, and an immediately recognizable signature outfit to complement it, Lara Croft has become an icon of sorts. But don't expect to see that trademark rubbery blue shirt gracing Angelina Jolie's body Rather, the star of Tomb Raider will be decked out in more muted blacks and gravs.

That's because Jolie is guite sensitive about the colors she wears, according to Oscar-winning costume designer Lindy Hemming "A lot of the color scheme-even though I'm very happy with it because it's quite moody and modern-is actually because Angelina is one of those people who feels uncomfortable in color.

Hemming told us

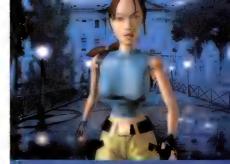
Moreover, director Simon West wanted to make sure the film retains Lara's look, while updating it to be a steeker, more modern version. And Hemming wholeheartedly agrees with that direction, "If you read the script-the way it describes her life-it didn't give her opportunities to look like Mag Max, really," Hemming says. "Of course, in the beginning we talked about that. But when you read the script, and you look at what happens, it never leads you that way It always gives you a

more high-techy feeling

Croft fans will be glad to know, though, that Jolie's outfits will still be quite revealing. On the day we saw Jolie shooting a scene, she was wearing what Hemming describes as one of her signature outfits: "Really tight black T-shirt, really tight black trousers, her gun belt with a new skull-and-crossbones brass buckle on it. And her very, very modern backpack, which is not

like the backpack in the game, but a shiny carapace modern-looking backpack with a molded plastic feel Her silhouette is almost exactly the sithouette that everybody's expecting, Hemming adds "Everything she's got on -- from her boots up through her holisters, her guns, her backpack- s alt tailor made to her. She looks like a modern. up-to-date silhouette of Lara. She looks quite trendy, anyway

Also expect to see plenty of flesh-which will surely please all the fanboys out there. In one action scene. Jolie is wearing pale gray silk paiamas that apparently shows ample amount of midriff. And she's got other outfits that are even more revealing. She's got 13 different costumes," Hemming says, "but some of them are as little as a towel



### **A WHOLE NEW GAME**

Bey put logistical an atmost entirely new team. The developer wanted to take and m a new direction, and an mection of tresh blood was long overdue. But according to Adrian Smith, director of operations at Lore, it and the only new thing about Iomb Riader. Lars now has a new look, thi game now a darker leak, and the Story is now much more important in fact, story is such a key element that the Learn at Core has basically plo-ad out enough material for years to come. Let's write the Tomb Riade pok. Smith Jold his team. Let's think about the next 20 adventures that are Creft will go on. And rather this i just producing that as the next game et's think about that as the next X amount of game.



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th promises to put u-king content online to supplement the games. Maybe you if find a bit of back story to follow, or maybe Core will release online playable side ring other characters—Smith cart (say for sure yet until the knows m oroadband plans. But expect to see planty of supplementa-ant online that will appear between each chapter the gamestruth

ant online that will appear between each chapter dust of supplementa-The gameplay will also be quite different. Core is finally apardoning the clumsy control scheme that's plaqued the series, opting for in Marine aute control. Lara will also be different will depending on in player, using an RPC-Life in Jianic of leveling-up different skills the more they re uses of to form a lot more of a bond between peel and the chan plains. We re trying to tailor the character more to the more indeed. Smith loid us that with all the might even drop. Tomb Rader' from the name of the ling diffe

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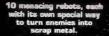
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#### STAN LEE SOMETHING TO MARVEL AT

OK, so I'm not the world's greatest authority on games and gaming, I don't have to be! A guy doesn't have to be a digital demon to appreciate awesome action and scorching special effects. But I just wanna give you my reactions to a few of the Marvelrelated video games I've seen lately.

Of course, there's one thing I've gotta warn you about. Since the games I'm talking about feature



Spider-Man, the Fantastic Four and the X-Men-plus a whole kaboodle of other mighty Marvel guest stars-it won't be easy for me to be totally objective in my observations. It's like writing about your family: they may drive you up the wall sometimes, but hey, they're still your family, right? Anyway, I'll try to stay cool as long as you allow me a litthe latitude for bragging, Deal?

Let's start with Activision's X-Men: Mutant Academy. This one's a real rocket ride, with so much action that they didn't bother to include a story! All you've gotta do is beat all your opponents to a pulp as you guide your favorite X-Man through too many battles to count. You'll even have to fight other good guys! And there's no chance of getting bored 'cause you've got a total of 10 superpowered combatants'

But let's not forget Capcom's Marvel Vs. Capcom! This one actually combines a mixed ménage of Marvel heroes with those from the Capcom company. Where else can you find Spidey and friends going head to head with superstars like Mega Man or enemies like Venom? There are also friendly battles like Spidey vs. Hulk-or even Captain America vs. Captain America! (Don't ask me how it happens; see for yourself!)

Since I'd never leave out the Fantastic Four, let's talk about Acclaim's 1997 version of the world's greatest fighting quartet. Unfortunately, this one isn't quite as imaginative or inventive as some of the others. You just grab yourself a favorite Fantastic Four member and use him or her to knock the stuffings out of the bad guys. Of course, no game can be too much of a dud when you add She-Hulk to the mix!

As disappointing as Fantastic Four may have been, Spider-Man from Activision makes up for it. The opening sequence gives you the chance to gird your toins and get set for the carnage to come. Then, just before the mayhem, comes the best part of all. You get to hear my favorite narrator starting you off at the first level. (Modesty forbids me from mentioning the name of that superb orator!]

And away we go! The action's intense and inspired and keeps increasing as you zoom along. To me, the best part is all the other colorful cavorters you get to meet along the way-the Black Cat, the Scorpion, Jonah Jameson, Daredevil, the lovely Mary Jane, the Rhino, Venom, Carnage, Doc Ock and Mysterio. I might have omitted a few, 'cause I don't want you to think I'm bragging too much!

I also got a kick out of seeing Spidey in his alien symbiote costume and a ton of other costumes rather than his usual duds. There's even a way for you to unlock everything the game has to offer without actually earning it, including the collection of classic comic-book covers that-aw, hey, I might as well leave some surprises for you!

Till we meet again. True Believers...Excelsior!

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## PlayStation Aptitude Test

Think you know your PlayStation games? Take the PlayStation Aptitude Test (PSAT) each month and see how good you really are.

1. Reflections is best known for what series besides Driver?

2. If Sega bought PS2s with

units could be purchased?

all the money it earned on DC

launch day, roughly how many

3. Who is Angelina Jolie's dad?

4. Who is the youngest person to

ever portray Lara Croft?

5. What company publishes

Tomb Raider comic books?

7. What was wrong with GT2?

8. "I am the ambassador / Of Kickyourassador" is a quote from a song on which game?

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9. Counting P.S.X., OPM's predecessor, how many Editors in Chief predated John Davison?

10. Why is Enix's Dragon Quest RPG series in Japan known here

6. The original Gran Turismo featured how many cars?

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Austin Powers fans listen up: The spy who loves to shag will soon be hitting the PlayStation 2 courtesy of Take 2. There's no word yet on what the game will be like, but we do know that it won't he a version of the canceled Austin Powers kart-racing game for the Dreamcast. Which is good.

#### An Epic License



Several companies are vying for the game rights to the highly anticipated epic film The Lord of the Rings, due out in theaters in about a year. Word has it that EA is close to nailing it down. Let's just hope the game's production time won't mirror that of the movie's: three whole years!

#### Woo Goes Digital



Film director John Woo has teamed up with several studios to form a new game developer called Digital Rim. Woo will personally work on the studio's first PS2 title.

#### OVERHEARD: PS2 CODE NAME

"In the earliest days, people referred to it as being '2' without putting the PS on it. They were like, 'Let me tell you about the 2."

-Kaz Hırai, president of Sony CEA, on what the PS2 was originally code-named.



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## Couples Who Play Together, Stay Together

Anyone who does in triay games with a loved one is missing out or so we ve come to believe. This month we present two hardcore gamers. It moves, 19, and her fance Jason, 26, trom Everett. Wach. Both spend their work in hours at the gaming stores they manage. Now twe can only have them hid ea couple FS2s for us

How did your gaming come about?



when we worked at different games stores. So playing was a pretty natural thing Kimberly: the

Jason: We met

always came to my store. The first time he asked me out I said ho But we ended up working together I couldnit resist

#### Did you get a PS2? Jason: Yep. We're

sharing one. The launch was crazy. Kimberty: At my store we had under 10 systems, and I was surprised by how poute everyone was. Jason: My store was more hectic A kid got his system stoken right outs de There was nothing we could do Tlet is on horrible. Do you guys get hit on at work? Jason: It happens to her

Kimberly: There are two types of guys who furt with me. One thinks i know nothing about games—that I m stupid. And the other thinks I m the greatest thing in the workd a gir, who knows games.

Has gaming enhanced your relationship?

Kimberly: t would be difficult fone

Jason: Atthough sequels are nice, I m more into original concepts I d like if companies got away from 'sequel-itis

What about celebs in games? Jason: It can't hurt. It's like a joke in most games. It's not really a selling point to have the King of Pop to box in Ready 2 Rumble Round 2 Kimberly: If they am games toward celebrities, I think it's bad

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I don't want to see Ben Affleck in some Armageddon game where you have to save him al all costs

What's your cat's name? Kimberly: Theodore After the Chipmunk

of us wasn't into games as much as the other. But as it stands, we both love games.

What would you change about the games industry?

Kimberly: I d like for release dates to be more accurate.

Does Theodore (the cat) try to play along, or just mew annoyingly? Kimberty: He tres, but he usually just bites the cords. Right now he's sitting on the PlayStation 2, staring at us Jason: It must be the humming that

be more accurate.

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# **GABBY GABBY**

#### Beach volleyball's beauty queen gets chatty

OPM: What got you interested in volleyball? GABBY: I was 6' 3" since I was 15 years old and It wasn't so much that I was interested in volleyball, but that coaches singled me out. So, it chose me. Since then, I've had a love affair with it.

#### OPM: Are you still modeling?

GABBY: Modeling was a means to an end. Once I turned professional I was able to make a living as "myself."

#### OPM: Is there a magazine cover you did that you favor more than another?

GABBY: I had a reatly practical view of modeling. My first cover impacted me. I was like, "Waw." But after that it's work, and I didn't get emotionally involved.

#### OPM: How did you get involved with Power Spike Pro Beach Volleyball?

GABBY: They were looking for people to get involved on the woman's side. They showed me some of the program and I liked it.

OPM: What does it mean to be in a game? GABBY: My favorite part is that1 can perform better than I can in real life. That's pretty cool And it's nice to be involved with things where you need to have a sense of humor about yourself.

#### OPM: Did you ever daydream during sixth period of your high-school junior year that you'd be in a video game?

GABBY: No. 1 was praying to get through all of the things that time in life brings up. "Please God, let me stop being a dork."

#### OPM: What makes a woman sexy?

GABBY: I think when a woman thinks she's sexy and it's not an act, but a real thing, and she feels good and confident, I can't imagine there's anything hotter than that.

OPM: What makes a game character sexy? GABBY: When it's a little better than real life, where you're teetering in the zone of fantasy, bu there's enough reality that you can be interiated.

OPM: What does being a role model mean? GABBY: It y to be as positive as I can be. But by no means do I try to be perfect and or say and do all the right things. I just try to be honest, while keeping my privacy. But who you see aut in the world is really who I am. And I try to take the role-model tags seriousy. But

it doesn't dictate the way I live.

> OPM: How tall were you in junior high? GABBY: About six foot.

#### OPM: Was that weird?

GABBY: Well, forget about boys having a crush on you. Not only that, but they thought I was the substitute teacher. Twelve years old, six feet tall, they were like, "Do you know where.." "Look, I don't know where anything is."

#### OPM: Do you have a building named after you at the Nike complex?

GABBY: I don't. Can you believe it?! I wanted the place where they eat to be named after me, but they dudn't go for it. OPM: We'll see what we can do. We've got a lot

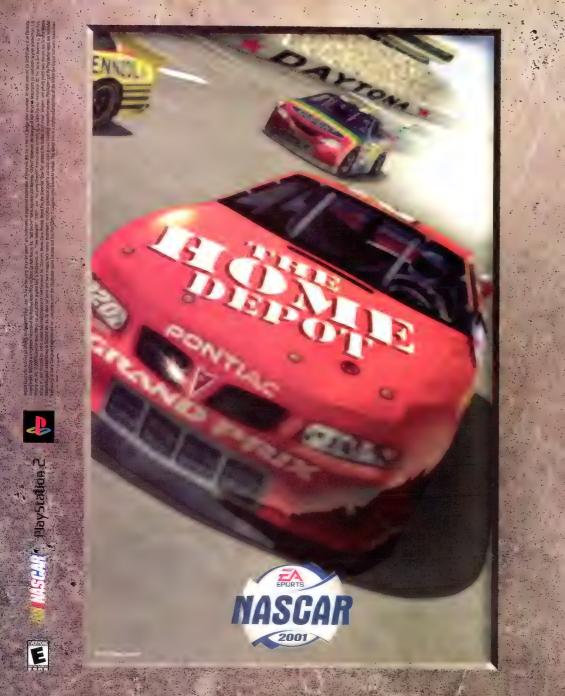
OPM: We'll see what we can do. We've got a lo of pull with their higher-ups.

#### OPM: With your brains, looks and athleticism, do you feel like there's anything you can't 60'S GABBY: You said brains first. Lappreciate that. You get points for that. But, there are things I can't do. I can't be a gymnast. I can't stand on my hands. It freaks me out about my center of gravity. But I'm of the thinking that if you're willing to put it out there, if you're willing to fail and willing to bust your but, all while being

#### OPM: In your book you talk about preconceived notions. Do those still follow you?

realistic, you can do so many things.

ABBY 1 think there are less notions, but since I've gotten older I don't care anymore. If they want to think, "Oh, she's just a pretty girl," I'm not going to fight it. Before I was like, "No, no. I have something to say." But what I have to say isn't really that important.



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## PLAYSTATION GAMES AND PUSH-UP BRAS

As a member of the video game press, I've listened to marketers drone on about the elusive and untapped "girt market," heard feminists scream for equal representation, witnessed publishers find ways to incorporate cleavage into all their ads, and interviewed game designers thoroughly confused by the entire gender issue. Alas, all the market research, media hype



and heated debate has turned the once-elusive "girl gamer" into an unfortunate stereotype by definition:

• girl gamer [gh-er-L gay-mer]:

1) She who demands more "realistic" female representation and will "frag your ass" if you don't comply or believe otherwise. Can be found ranting in various female-only newsgroups on the Internet, or competing in Quake competitions for a new pair of army boots. [Also see "grt[gamer"]

2) She who is spoon-fed pink (luffy games but would rather use PlayStation as a bookend. Can be found shopping for a new push-up bra after fighting with her boyfriend, who was caught drooling over Lara's "quns." (Also see "girlie gamer")

As a girl who has quietly played video games all her life, I find the entire "girl gamer" concept annoying. Go ahead and "frag my ass," but I don't need more feminine characters to relate to.

Games have always represented a form of escapism. They require some imagination to believe in a pixelated fantasy, whether it's Pong or Metal Gear Solid. This is how I can relate just as well to the plight of Crash Bandicoot and Spider-Man as I can to Aya Brea and Lara Croft Iperhaps Spidey more than Lara). How realistic do we need to be? I don't want to play as a slightly overweight divorced renegade librarian who seeks anti-cellulite power-ups and battles an end boss for alimony payments.

As for the cotton-candy games for girls, it's time for publishers to wake up and smell the imposter perfume. No matter how cutesy and sweet the content is, no amount of Barbie or Mary-Kate and Ashley will bring females into the market until we change the negative social connotation attached to video games.

Growing up as the only girl in the arcade, I know better than any market researcher or game publisher what issues come into play. But don't listen to me, because I'm not supposed to exist. I defy definition simply because I enjoy my PlayStation and my push-up bra at the same time.

On behalf of those of us who "don't really exist," please drop the girl from "girl gamer" and let us get on with playing just like everyone else.

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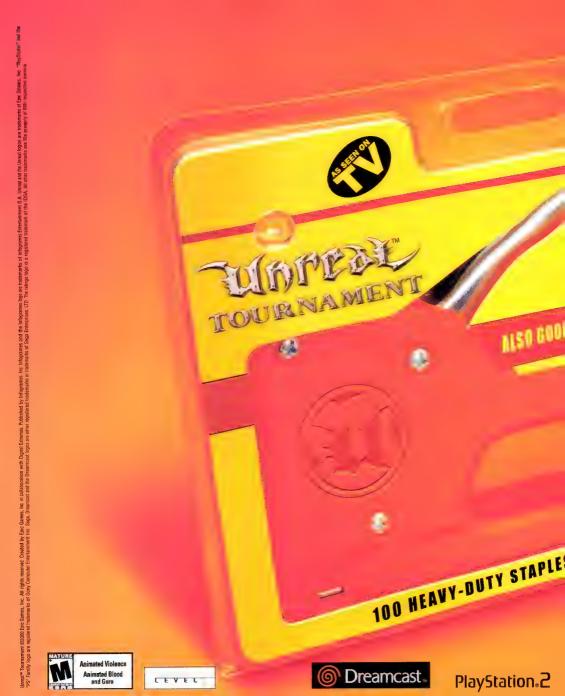
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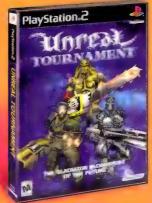
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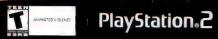








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#### GOSSIP, RUMOR AND SCANDAL. GAMING'S BIGGEST SECRETS DUG UP AND SERVED WITH GRAVY

I've been working the scene like a mad thing for the past month and live managed to dig up all kinds of goodies. As ever, most of this is stuff that no one is prepared to say "on the record," but I'm certain that all my infor-

mation is accurate. There are some exciting things afoot especially for PlayStation 2

#### SNAKE WON'T BE HANGING OUT WITH ZOE

It seems that those of you looking forward to the U.S. release of Z.O.E because of the possible inclusion of a playable Meta. Gear Solid 2 demo are going to be disappointed, i can t confirm this absolutely and positively, but while swigging back some ales with my Knoami sny, there was some talk of how the recent FTC report had beloed change the whole strategy on this front The demo will still be on the Japanese version of the game J understand, but because Z O.E is likely to be rated "T" here in the States, the team doesn't want to include a demo of an M-rated game. Why not just do some kind of demo that's been tailored for a T market, then? In the movies we get trailers for R-rated films that have been edited for content, so what would be the difference? Such are the joys of being constantly scrutinized, I guess

#### SYPHON FILTER

-was hanging out with the guy who writes Quartermann for Electronic Gaming Monthly at a party the other week and we stumbied into a heated conversation that concerned the lates of a number of well-known franch ses. It seems the third Syphon Filter is the center of some considerable debate at the moment, as the team decides which direction to take it. There's some pressure to try to outdo Metal Gear once and for all New development boxs Shuhei Yosh da seems to have a very different att tude to getting yames out, and it appears that we with no tonger see the

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#### MEDAL OF HONOR CONTINUES ON PS2

#### Rumor Mill

It looks like Activision is restructuring at the moment, resulting in a more apparent focus on core brands like Tony Hawk, the Marvel stuff and Star Trek. What does this mean? Expect to see games like Gunslinger offloaded to other publishers, or maybe even canned altogether. • Speaking of which, expect Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3 on PS2 before November 2001 • SSX2 is already in preproduction . Summoner 2 is a distinct possibility. The first game is already a huge hit, despite some major problems. Let's hope the sequel fixes the technical issues-and injects a modicum of humor into the proceedings. . As mentioned last month, a seguel to Smuggler's Run looks likely within a year. Let's hope it's not as ludicrously difficult! + Driver 3 is PS2 bound. We've heard that tech demos have already been worked up, and a degree of development has been done alongside production of Driver 2 just to see how far the team can push the machine. Expect to see it in 2002.

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#### WHAT'S ALL THIS CRAP ABOUT SEGA DOING PS2 GAMES?

So are they or aren't they? Rumors are flying around left, right and center, and no matter whom we ask, no one seems prepared to give us a straight answer. For the longest time it looked as if Sega had struck a deal with Acclaim to help port some of the bigger franchises to PS2 Crazy Taxi is allegedly kicking around in playable form at one of Accia misistudios Now that Sega has made ts announcements about becoming a network game provider, though, it appears that things have changed Although still retusing to acknowledge that the Dreamcast's days are numbered. the gaming giant has acknowledged that its games brands are stronger than its system, and that it needs to think differently if it's

going to make lots of money Sega has already struck a dea with Nintendo to do Game Boy games, and this tooks likely to expand into Gamecube stuff later We ve also heard that a number of big franchise games are heading to Xbox.

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#### GRAN TURISMO TEAM THINKING ABOUT DOING A ROLE-PLAYING GAME?

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#### TEKKEN 4 2001

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#### LARA IN TV SHOW

Those of you who were a big fan of early Lara Croft model Rhona Mitra will be pleased to learn that you'll be able to turn on the TV every Wednesday night and see her in a white doctor's coat. As Dr. Ollie Klein, she has a major role in the new ABC drama Gideon's Crossing. Big fans will remember her as Holly the nurse in Party of Five and may also have seen her in Get Carter or Hollow Man earlier this year. www.abc.go.com/primetime/gideonscrossing

#### **BUFFY CHANGES CHANNEL?**

ABC denied to E! Online that it is eveing The WB's hit series Buffy the Vampire Slayer, despite rumors that the show might switch networks once the contract expires between The WB and Buffy production studio Fox. Rumors abound that a series of Buffy movies are in the works. All has been denied so far. but it seems likely that the show will follow the usual progression that other successful genre shows have displayed by shifting to a big, glitzy movie series.

www.eoni.ne.com

#### CLEESE SPOOKS POTTER

The Dark Horizons Web site reported that English funnyman John Cleese will play Nick the Nearly Headless Ghost in the upcoming feature-film version of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

www.darkhorizons.com

#### JEDI FILES

The X-Files' David Duchovny said George Lucas asked him to be in Star Wars- Episode III, but that he hasn't committed, SciFi Wire reported. Why wouldn't he commit? www.scifi.com

#### MONTHLY MATRIX UPDATE

Jada Pinkett Smith is in talks to appear in the two Matrix sequels, playing the rumored character Niobi, Morpheus' love interest, according to The Hollywood Reporter. The first sequel, The Matrix 2, is slated to begin production in March. The Matrix 3 will begin production Immediately after Matrix 2 wraps

In other Matrix news, we've learned that the special effects team is working very hard to ensure that the new movie will be as visually unique as the original. We were lucky enough to get some time with one of the effects guys on the movie, who commented that many of the effects pioneered in the first film are now seen everywhere [see Charlie's Angels and any number of sci-fi TV shows premiered this fall). We'll probably still see "bullet time" and the fancy spinny-camera effects, along with new variations on the wire-controlled fight scenes. www.hollywoodreporter.com

#### **DEATH ON THE BIG SCREEN?**

Fans of Neil Gaiman's Sandman series and the spinoff graphic novel, Death: The High Cost of Living, will be glad to hear that the writer has been working on a new script for a Death film. According to SFX Online, while doing a public reading of his works in New York, Gaiman is

reported to have revealed that he's been working on another script based on his Death character. Back in April, IGN.com reported on a rumor that Gaiman was not only writing the film, but he was also set to direct it Since then, though, it's been very quiet, Given Hollywood's renewed mania for comic-book properties right now, it isn't at all surprising to hear the project is in the works again. www.sfx.co.uk www.qn.com

#### FURY IN IROH MAN

It may well be that there's another good reason why Fox's Nick Fury series pilot hasn't been picked up. According to Entertainment Weekly, unnamed sources at New Line revealed that the coming Iron Man movie will also include an appearance by Nick Fury. Furthermore, in keeping with the character's spy-like persona, the movie's concept is said to be "in the vein of James Bond/Jack Ryan, only with a superhero in the center, www.ew.con

#### SPAWN TO RETURN AT LAST

While participating in an online chat for the TBS cable network, Spawn creator Todd McFarlane revealed what's up with that sequel to Spawn, According to the Comics Continuum. McFarlane explained, "right now the rights revert back to me on Nov. 6, and I've got three studios waiting for me to come in the door and tell them it's legally back in my possession When asked if he thought the first film had been a commercial success, McFarlane answered, "It wasn't a failure by any stretch and wasn't a mega-hit, but considering that we didn't have any A-list actors in the movie, it was one of the better-grossing movies that didn't have a big name in it. If it had done better, then the sequel would probably already be in the works. in scontinuum com

#### **SAVAGE SPIDEY**

It looks like the role that Randy "Macho Man" Savage may be playing in the Spider-Man movie has been revealed. According to 4W-Wrestling, Savage will take on the role of Crusher Hogan, the man Spider-Man first fights in a wrestling ring challenge for a \$100 winning pot. www.ww.wresting

#### FEAR EFFECT MOVIE?

Rumor has it that the relationship between Fidos and Paramount Pictures could run deeper. Producers on the Lara flick are apparently all big games fans and are already looking to explore other potential crossovers, It seems that the Fear Effect series has already piqued their attention-so much so that game-related paraphernalia was scattered around the team's offices.

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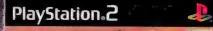
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The final tiki torches have been doused, leaving just enough time for the Survivors to get their holiday shopping started. We'd like to say this one went to the wire, but that's not the case. Of the four remaining Survivors, Solid Snake snagged over 70 percent of the popular vote, winning Florida's 25 electoral college votes in the process! We leave you with the calamity of the island's final month, the name of our grand-prize winner, and the knowledge that you've chosen a proud and capable victor to shoulder the enormous weight of the PS2 for years to come.

practice...and shot.

Snake built a full-scale replica of the Taj

board boxes, solving the need for shelter

One day Spider-Man thought it would be

funny to steal Lara's sports bra. When

Solid Snake saw the ample towers, he

thought they would make for good target

Arc Nova

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Lara Croft's hair was lit on fire, but

thankfully Snake smothered it by spitting

a huge loogie on it. Feeling sorry for her,

Spider-Man made Lara a wig out of web.

An immunity challenge: Hundreds of

monkeys have been let loose on the

Island, and the contestants must catch

them. Inexplicably, every monkey has a

flashing light surgically attached to its

head as part of some weird simiancyborg experiment. Sneaking around and

bagging monkeys is right up Snake's

Snake wins a night on a yacht, complete

with a meal and masseuse. In addition,

contestants for breakfast. Lara fully

chooses Crash, opting for bandicoot

nid-like agility. For his efforts, he gets a

alley. He wins easily.

before beauty.

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phone call home. His conversation with a woman identified by the initials "M.J." was short but sweet. The phone call enabled Spider-Man to find out that Tobey Maguire had been cast as his alter-ego in the upcoming Spider-Man film from Sony Pictures. "Of course, I'll be doing my own stunts, and I do get a producer credit on the movie, so I'm very happy with the decision," he told the other contestants. Lara makes fun of him, saying it was because he couldn't act his way out of a paper bag. Jonathan Petersen jcpetersen@home.com

In the moment everyone was waiting for, Lara went through with her promise to sunbathe nude. In what turned out to be a bad move for the wall crawler, he said, "(insert stupid Parker comment here)"

causing all the remaining survivors to do an audible sigh that would make Al Gore jealous.

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I voted for Crash. Why? I'm voting alphabetically. Tyler Derricot t derricot@hotmail.com

Snake gets to invite one of his fellow Snake was going to win from the beginning. It's a expects Snake to choose her. But, he no-brainer! He's got it all, and Kojima is a God among mortals!

Another immunity challenge is a chance contest that Spider-Man wins with arach-

Each member was allowed to see a tape of their family from home. Spider-Man got a news report from Mr. Jamison, revealing a true and terrible secret: Spider-Man's identity revealed According to the report, the skater known as Tony Hawk is actually the web slinger...(Those jumps in THPS2 were too much, Tony!)

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Crash Bandicoot eats too much food and knocks into and destroys things, a la the Tasmanian Devil, Crash is an obvious weak link in the chain of the istand team

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Solid Snake survives on the PS2 because he is a badass espionage tactical warfare machine capable of destroying a tank with his bare hands. Jay Blann

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#### www.kissthisquy.com

A library of misheard song lyrics. As in, ahem, "scuse me, while I kiss this guy" [Hendrix] or "kick a chicken in it" (Will Smith)

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#### **By John Scalzi**

Hey kids, look! Four out of five of these albums "aren't" mindless metal thrash? Can you dig it?





#### Etta James: Her Best Chess Records

Featured In: Driver 2

Etta James has just about the perfect blues voice: deep, rich and smoky, the sort of voice you hear from a woman who plans to knock you back on your heels and send you running home to your mama. You don't mess with Etta, honey ... she messes with you-and makes you like it. This collection binds up Etta's best work from the '60s. when she was hitting the charts with tearjerkers like "All I Could Do Is Cry" and groovy funk like "All The Way Down."

Final Score



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Kenny Rogers & the First Edition: Greatest Mits Hin-D-Records

Painful hippie folk-rock crap that no sane human being would listen to for more than 40 seconds in a row. There are a few songs here worth listening to even today, particularly the Carol King-penned "What Am I Gonna Do," but the vast majority of it is suitable only for hipple-themed parties. And I for one am glad that thanks to "Just Dropped In." I know what Kenny Rogers sounds like when he's trying to do a trippy psychedelic tune. I suspect I'll be only moderately scarred by the experience

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#### Warner Brother Records Featured In: Duke Nukem: Land of the Babes

Brainless grinding metal droning deep-voice bellowing depressing lyrics blah blah blah ugh. Can't we just cull this whole genre down to three, maybe four bands? The best you can say about Static-X is that they aren't bad-they're light, and their industrial squalls occasionally coalesce into something resembling a song. My favorite track here is the throbbing "Love Dump," which is music to violate local decency laws to Time to move on

Final Score ••

John Scalzi's been reviewing music since his days on the south side of Chicago. No, really. He went to school there. Honest! He's been to the Checkerboard Lounge, damn it! Visit his Web site at www.scalzi.com Or don't Free will, you know

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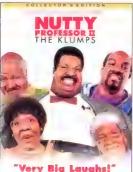


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#### Nutty Professor II: The Klumps— **Collector's Edition**

The movie itself is so-so, just like the first one (unless scenes of enlarged rodents sodomizing middle-aged men get you going, you sick, sick freak). The reason to get this DVD is to bask in Eddie Murphy's unreasonably huge talent. It takes some doing to pull off playing six different characters, even if they're all related to each other. And by God, he does it. Anyone who's seen Grandma Klump in all her wrinkly glory knows that they've seen comic genius. The DVD also features deleted scenes, a behind-the-scenes feature on Murphy's makeup, and a Janet Jackson video.

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John Scalzi wants a pony for Christmas. Is that so wrong?



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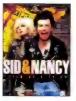


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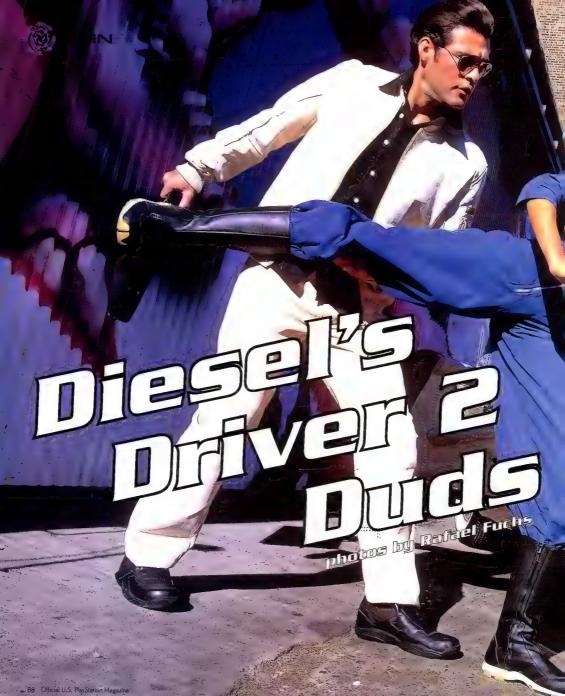


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Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2 Last Month: --- Activision .... There's an argument around the office whether this is the greatest PS one game ever made. We won't split hairs, but this one is definitely near the top. Any time you can grind the rails of a subway just to launch yourself over a brick wall in Brooklyn, you've got to take a close look at the game and say, "Damn, this is good." Whether or not you give credence to soaring 40 feet in the air and doing an occasional 900° Benihana, you'll still have a blast trying. And even with the PS2 boom, we still can't stop ourselves from pulling this masterpiece out of the closet and scooting around Venice Beach for a couple of hours



#### 2 Madden NFL 2001 Last Month: 1 EA Sports

Any hardcore football fan won't argue with the physics, graphics, Al and overall badassedness of this year's P5 one Madden. It might be tough to pick up and play for inexperienced football gamers, but don't be initimidated by your pitsaimed T-shirt-wearing friends who hog the controller. This is without a doubt the best football game on the market, and your might as will rehearse for the upcoming seasons, even if you only snake out with a victory against the Bengals this year.

#### **OPM's Most Wanted PS2 Games**

	Metal Gear Solid 2	Konami
2	Gran Turismo 3	Sony CEA
	Zone of the Enders	Konami
4	Onimusha Warlords	Capcom
135	The Bouncer	Square EA
	Soul Reaver 2	Eidos
12	Dark Cloud	Sony CEA
8	Twisted Metal Black	Sony CEA
	Silent Hill 2	Konami
10	Star Wars Starfighter	LucasArts

## **TOP TWENTY**

1	Last Month	Title / Publisher Ty: Activision	Rating
2	1	Madden NFL 2001 EA Sports	•••••
3	-5	Tony Hawk's Pro Skater Activision	
4	2	Gran Turismo 2 Sony CEA	•••••
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6	6	Spec Ops: Stealth Patrol Take 2 Interactive	•
7		Driver GT Interactive	
8	-	Dave Mirra Freestyle BMX Acclaim	
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10	11	Tekken 3 Namco	
11	and the second	Tomorrow Never Dies Electronic Arts	
12	15	Final Fantasy VIII Square EA	
13	.13	Syphon Filter 2 989 Studios	
14	9	CTR: Crash Team Racing Sony CEA	
15	.14	Syphon Filter 989 Studios	
16	19	Metal Gear Solid Konami	
17	17	Namco Museum Vol. 3 Namco	
18	-	The Dukes of Hazzard	•1
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20	16	Crash Bandicoot: WARPED Sony CEA	•••••

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3	Dance Dance Revolution	Konami
14	Fear Effect 2 Retro Helix	Éidos
5	Mat Hoffn an's Pro BMX	Activision
番	Evil Dead- Hail to the King	THQ
7	Dragon Warrior VII	Enix
8	Mega Man X5	Capcom
9	Toy Story Racer	Activision
10	V.I.P.	Ubi Soft

#### Japan's Top 10 PS and PS2 Games

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1	Hunter x Hunter, G.I.	Konami
2	Hokuto no Ken	Bandai
3	Dragon Quest VII	Enix
4	Moto GP	Namco
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6	Dino Crisis 2	Capcom
7	Gekikukan Pro Baseball	Square
8	World Soccer Jikkyou	Konami
9	Pocket Digimon World	Bandai
10	Let's Build a School	Victor



Tony Hawk's Pro Skater Last Month: 5 Activision Ah, yes, even with the sequel selling like gangbusters, the original is staying close behind Don't fear the past or it will consume you<sup>1</sup>



#### Gran Turismo 2 Last Month: 2 Sony CEA •••••

We liked this game so much we put the sequel on our cover. This classic is still racing off the shelves. Expect that to continue through X-mas.



Spider-Man

Stan Lee's web-slinging creation holds on to a top 5 spot this month. Check out the words of Marvet's mastermind in this month's Spin section.

#### **U.K.'s Top 10 PlayStation Games**

1	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	Eidos
2.	Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2	Activision
3	Spider-Man	Activision
1	Dave Mirra Freestyle BMX	Acclaim
5	Sydney 2000	Erdos
:6	WWF SmackDown!	THQ
7	Tenchu 2	Activision
	Formula One 2000	Sony
9	Disney's Dinosaur	Ubi Soft
10	TECA World Touring Cars	Codemaster











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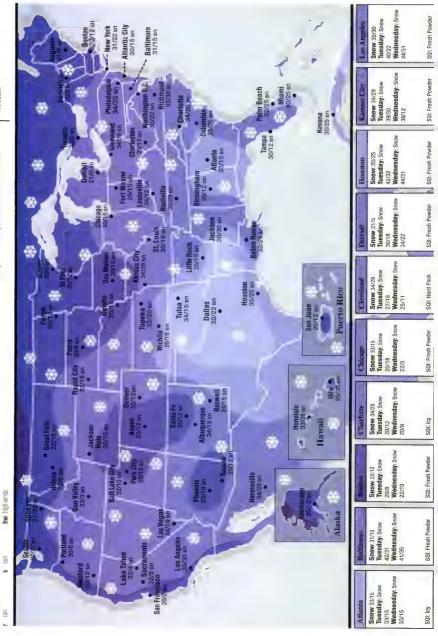
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# What are we going to do with all this snow?

A better question is, what aren't you going to do? Grab your snowboard and fly down the slopes. Get ozone-high air out of the half-pipe. Tweak the laws of gravity. The possibilities are wide open. As is every available iff in North America.

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Record crowds should continue at mountain resorts nationwide.

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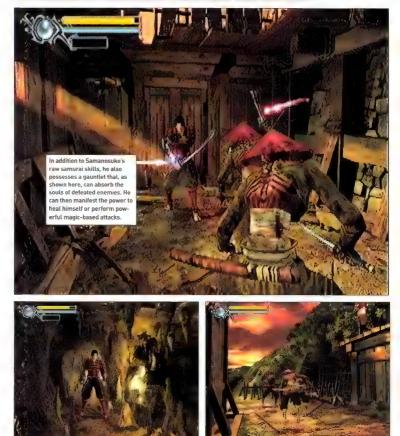
## **Onimusha: Warlords**

#### The Resident Evil style heads to medieval Japan

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#### **Truly Cinematic**

As much as Onimusha focuses on action-based gameplay, it seems as though just as much emphasis has been placed on telling a great story. Writen by Flagship—the same crew behind Resident Evit 2—the tale comes to life via in-game cutscenes that occur on an incredibly frequent basis. When coupled with the amazing opening sequence detailed below, Onimusha could prove itselt as the most truly cinematic game that any console has ever seen.

## MDK2: Armageddon

this month Interplay \*\*
from a mile away - along with the exnext-gen system. In fact developer **BioWare** 

















#### Maggots!

We think it's safe to say that Dnimusha's opening computergenerated sequence features the best-looking maggots ever seen in a video game (right). Of course, the rest of the five-minute cinematic offers some pretty impressive visuals, as well (three screens above). A grand battle sets the stage for the adventure ahead, as hundreds of warriors fight it out so realistically that unsuspecting viewers might confuse the action for an actual Hollwood production.









#### **Herdy Gerdy**

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## Star Trek Voyager: Elite Force

Exclusive! Voyager sends an away team to PS2









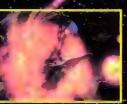


### THE LOST PLANET

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### **Red Faction**

### The Holy Grail of first-person shooters?

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### Fire in the Hole

Being able to destroy nearly everything in the environment isn' just a gimnick; Vollton has built entire scenarios around this innovative feature. One mission we were shown allowed the player to blast through a rock bridge to drop an enemy tank into a deep chasm. You'll also be able to topple guard towers, redirect flows of lava or water, and even blast holes in walls or floors to open up shortcuts. It's not just propaganda treally is revolutionary.





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### **Evil Dead:** Hail to the King Grisly, gory, gruesome...groovy

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### It's About Time

As the plot of Hail to the King unfolds, Ash finds himself once again transported back in time when he arrives in eighth-century Damascus to confront the man who first translated the dreaded Necronomicon Ex Mortis Ithe cause of all this Evil Dead trouble) This adds a greater than usual level of variety to the locations in the game.

Another somewhat unusual feature is the inclusion of the kind of interactive inventory system that's been largely absent since the heyday of the PC adventure. This means you'll need to combine different elements in your inventory to create or modify specific items. While these don't seem to often go beyond "insert tab A into slot B," it at least gives the illusion of added cerebral depth.













### **Tomb Raider Chronicles**

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### **Vanishing Point**

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### **Disney/Pixar's Toy Story Racer**

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### **HBO Boxing**

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### Disney's The Lion King: Simba's Mighty Adventure

Taking its basis from  $\overline{D}$  sneys two *Lion King* movies [the second went straight to video]. Simba s Mighty Adventure stars, the young king of the jungle in a 10 .evel 30-platform release from Activision Game play often diversifies itself enough to allow for exciting wildebest chases, guest appearances by Timon and Pumbaa, sikrimishes with evil lions and several iming ames. Jon the circle of life this **winter** 







# Dragon Warrior VII

### The classic RPG series returns to the U.S.!

Tradition. No single word better describes **Enix's** Dragon Warrior VII. Sure, most new RPGs might come parked to the gills with state of the art graphics, photorealist club, motion used, obcens of mingames, and innovative new systems. Ito learn and master Built at what coal? Some games ite in its innovation comes at the expense of unother element. Fun Lorithose who can rook past appearances, Dragon Warrior VII promises a lengthy, udi-school adventure. Your character begins as the sign of a Knemman in a sleepy usater tubistics in your guessed in he find a word dispanning quest before him.

Some concessions have been made to technology, of course, with the most not ceable advancement being the real time it usy in table +0 environments Itinius Grandua and Xenogears. While the graphics or gine is not it most impresses the amount of details in the environments helps compensate. And despite the new perspective, the aesthet is remain largely unchange. Characters still march in place Players still interact with people and places through a list of text commands. Battles are still, from a first person perspective the aesthet cases. Step cumbing mosel subspaces in the net well tables to take the cases. Step cumbing mosel

A tew rick gamep as systems are in place, though nothing out of the ord harry. The Tablet system resemples usgend of Mana's uandmake system, as the party laims's collect tragments of magical store tablets scattered around the world. When a tablet's complete, a new continent ansis from the ocean, ready for your exploration. The upt system of the past few Dragon Warrior it les returns but the number of available occupations has increased to a whopping na.



The massive adventure spans two discs and over 100 hours of game play. Potential dragon slayers can expect the game by summer 2001











### **Slime Time**

Perhaps character designer Akira Torriyama's finest creation, the noble slime has been a series standby since the very first game (which, as a 1989 NES release, was one of the first successful RPGs on a U.S. console system). No other RPG enemy can match its fierce, vacant stare or charming (yet sinister) smile. Thankfully, Dragon Warrior VII continues to build the gelatinous antagonist's reputation.







In Juline going to try playing Digimon World, you'd better make sure you'd paring to pails of underpants. See, some of these Braimon are so vicious and twisted they an industry from television. That's okay with them, there are more things to blow up in vice games a sway. Like you so if you think you've got enough game for Digimon World, bring it. But con't say we shift warn you



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**Ducati World Racing Challenge** 

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### **EA Sports Supercross**

As if to disown last year's supercross 2000 EA Sports has decided to start its motocross series anew in more ways than just a stight title adrention. Instead of locusing on stuck-in-the-mud realism as before those much realism if you ask our 15 rating], this years version leve threes a decidedly more arcade leke feel-more like that of evers other motocross game out here. You can also expect some outdoor course is for a change, as well as a great deal of frestlyte action.



### The Dukes of Hazzard II: Daisy Dukes It Out

We have to wonder if Southpeak's latest Dukes game wit sell nearly as well as its lackluster predecessor, which still managed to stay alog the besteeller list for months. Will those who shelled out \$40 a year ago to ready to do the same for another 18 smilar, more Dasy-locused levels? 07 will the new car-to-car combat actually improve it? Find out for yourself **now** or just wait for our revew next month







## NCAA March Madness 2001

### Time to bust out the Cinderella slipper

First these thirding for more bootsendoness from hyper-announcer Dick Viale, we re-sorry to report that **EA Sports**. March Madness 2001 has replaced the suitan of overexcitement with reports Verne cundows and BRI R itery. As far as we re-concerned, that song, chants, smill arenas and Dick Viale as in this paces to collece or ball stew, and we hope he It furn up somewhere else in wideogameland Ar is Mill. The second sec









### The Big Dance

No need to spend needless hours keeping up with the lengthy college hoops camopaign. With the help of MM2007, we simmed a full season to find Michigan State, college basketball's defending champs, best the Tar Heels with one of the most convincing national title games ever. Nateen Cleeves might be playing for the Pistons and Mo Peter may be in Toronto, but with seven of 10 players returning. Tom Izzo's boys are revved for a repeat.















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# RAINBOW SIX ROGUE SPEAR

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he Honda S2000 sits on the starting I ne of Laguna Seca whirring and humming with a sound that belies the beast that Les within. A blip of the throttle as it sits in neutral emits a cacophonous scream of bowel-loosening lerocity as the beast heaves down on its haunches. We re talking about torque here, ladies and germs, 153 pounds per square foot, I think you'll find. For those of you who don't understand what that means...it's all about force. Nasty, brutal, by John devices photography by Skyre np-your head off force. The Honda S2000 has plenty of it, so much that it's 235 horsepower engine can propel it from 0-60 mph in just under 5.7 seconds. Hold the throttle for any length of time and the creature winds itself up to redline just shy of 9,000 rpm. For something that looks like a fairty friendly little two-seater roadster, that's pretty damn impressive. It is a screaming banshee with a nice silver paint job. What is even more impressive is that the howling, twisting animal we're watching right now isn't

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the real thing, it's simply one of the 150 or so cars in Gran Turismo 3. From the first moment we sit down to play it, we're understandably transfixed.

Originally conceived as nothing more than a fancy-shmancy update of Gran Turismo 2 with pretty graphics, this is now a fully fledged seguel. "My original plan for this title was to be released close to the PS2 launch, when it would feature 50 different cars and four racing tracks," project leader and producer Kazunori Yamauchi tells us. 'It would have been positioned as a digest or demo version of the GT series for the PS2. That's why it was titled as GT2000 and not the formal name, GT3. However, as I continued to work on the game I wanted to do more and more with it. So now the game consists of about 150 selected cars and 15 racing tracks, and is strong and comprehensive enough to be called Gran Turismo 3." Hurrah and, indeed, huzzah

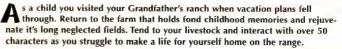
### Jaw-Dropping

The S2000 lurches forward as it pops into gear and screams down the opening stretch of track. Everything is silky-smooth and startlingly fast The scenery reflects in the car's paintwork, the evening sun bathes the vista in a warm glow and, as you can probably imagine, our jaws drop with a sickening "thunk." Gran Turismo 3 is a truly stunning game. If you've been disappointed with the system's offerings so far, GT3 will allay your fears.

Atways a gearhead's dream-come-true, there has been worry that the PS2 iteration of Gran Turismo would fail to deliver in the car department. Although boasting more than 150 vehicles, it's hardly the 600 or so that were originally anticipated. "We know that some people have been concerned about that," U.S. product manager of the game, Susan Nourai tell us. "Although it sounds like we've cut back a lot, it's not as noticeable as you'd expect. Pretty much all of the manufacturers from GT2 are present. It's simply the number of cars that's less. There aren't as many individual models as before."

"Some cars are not in the game due to license issues," Yamauchi clarifies, "but I chose most of the cars because I think they are suitable for the Gran Turismo series."

"We're only missing a few manufacturers," pipes in U.S. producer, Taku Imasaki. "Vector will be missing from the game, along with a few others. What you do find though is that the car list has some interesting additions, like the Toyota MR2 There are also some race-spec versions of cars that fans of GT2 won't have seen before." To



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demonstrate this weight out of the game saynd goodbye to the \$2000 for a moment and navigate through the impressive menu system Car manufacturers are going to send us promotional footage of their cars to play in the park pround while you're navigating around, masak tells in at the moment that's just game footage. Zipping through the car list we stumble across an unusual variation of the MR2 Sitting low on huge, wide racing spec wheels its usually feeble-looking Porschesque body has been squashed, flared, beefed up and even given a coupe istyle root. Factor in the lud crously large, de riqueur spoker that adorns its diminutive buttocks, and it looks considerably more brutish than the hairdresser-mobiles you see on the streets, resplendent in racing decals from the Japanese series in which the real thing actually races. We select it and guickly move on to the Seattle track. Those of you familiar with the track in GT2 will no doubt recal, that it looked pretty damn cool even in its 32-bit guise. After a split-second loading time we re there. The little Toyota howls as we jab the throttle and screeches through the familiar streets. As we hurtle up the hill, grab some air on the way up those endearing little humps and then slam on the anchors to make it through that disturbing right-hander, the sun glints from between two buildings and fills the screen with its glare. The only possible response to such a sight for the first time is. Wow." Hurtling

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down the hill with the sun in our eyes gives a perfect example of how the lighting effects are used in GT3. All of the lighting uses a real-time rendering system," imasaki explains. "In the past we cheated and just made it look like lighting, when really it was a simple graphical trick. This time though, the hardware is calculating all, of the lighting and shadows as you go, so it looks much more realistic. All of the reflect ons in the car's paint are real too. Look if you look closely you can see, the enthuses inviting us to peer closely at the screen. By golly, he's right. As we drop a gear heading beneath the underpass we can see the bridge overhead reflected in the paint. That's pretty darned impressive.

Those of you who have been paying attention to news reports online will no doubt have heard that the Japanese version of the car carries a subtitle of "A-Spec" just like the driving tests in the previous games. What's all that about then? I call it that just because it sounds good," Yamauchi explains. Forget the rumors of some hidden agenda; apparently it's that simple. It's still not clear if the U.S. version will carry the full name, but speaking of the driving tests, how's that going to work this time? "Exactly like GT2, Imasaki explains. "The basic structure of the game is actually pretty much dentical to last time, its the technology that s different in GT3." On the programming side," Yamauchi explains, "we have been able to fully utilize the machine's power, but the artists have yet to reach that level. In future Gran Turismo games, major advancements will be the result of the artists." So it's going to look even better than this by GT4? Wow GT4? That's a secret for now, but when the time comes, I will let you know?" he smiles

### Out To Get You

Aside from the obvious visual aspects, are there any new things we can expect to see that will affect the gameplay? Highly calculated physics models, Yamauchi beams, 'which will allow players to feel the precision and minuteness of every aspect of driving, as well as advanced opponent behavior (AI) which is sure to heat up the races between players and the CPU." When pushed on how this works, the team explains that the AI system has something of a competitive streak this time. "There's a rivalry system now. Noural explains. If you do something to one part cutar driver, he'll remember. Say you cut him off on a turn; he'l, remember that and come after you later in the race."

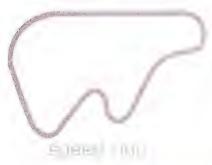
Our demo of GT3 also involved us trying out the Logitech-manufactured racing wheel and pedal set which is confirmed for release in











Japan, but is yet to be announced "officially" in the U.S. "The steering wheel brings the driving game to the next level," Yamauchi smiles, "But it's not the ultimate driving game yet. Neither GT3 nor PS2 have reached the ultimate level. However, the more the hardware and software synchronize in the future, the more advanced driving games will be." That may be the case, but sitting with this fabulous-feeling force feedback-equipped wheel is pretty wonderful, it's hard to imagine a racing game right now that could possibly be better. Now if only the pedals were set into something with a bit more heft to them. Each time we apply the brakes, the flimsy plastic pedals scoot under the desk a little further Can you ask Logitech to make 'em out of metal or something? Or maybe put some grippy stuff on the bottom so that it doesn't scoot about? "The wheel isn't confirmed at all yet, and there's a chance it may change in design," Nourai tells us with a look that says, Don't talk about the wheel too much when you write about this" as we pause the game to slide

the pedals back to a more comfortable position

A couple of Seattle laps later and it's time to try something new. We quit out and select a Subaru Impreza Rally-spec car-one of the finest vehicles in GT2-and see what we can do with it on Trial Mountain. As with all the other tracks, it's a joy to behold, and the lush graphics really show off just how crisp and clear everything is. "Compared to other PS2 games, GT3 requires twice the amount of screen data to be drawn," Yamauchi explains. The vertical resolution is actually double that of any game released for the system so far. Despite this enormous amount of information being moved around though, the game still holds a steady framerate that never appears to drop. It truly is gorgeous. "If you'll notice," Imasaki points out, "there are some very subtle focus effects on the action," Quitting out and letting the game switch into replay mode helps exemplify his point. "The game always ensures that you're concentrating on the right thing ..look," he says as all of the action around the main car gently







softens in focus. Check out the screenshot of the yellow Skyline at the bottom of the page and you'll see what this effect is like. See the white GT-R in front? See how it's out of focus? That's not a prerendered piece of art that's how the game presents stuff in the replays Cool huh? Factor in the heat haze that distorts your view of the track in places, and the promise of new-and-improved weather effects, and GT3 should be one of the first games that really shows us how the power of the PlayStation 2 can be applied to create believable, realistic effects

### What's Next?

You have to wonder what Yamauchi and his team could possibly do next. "I believe that the GT series has become the biggest automobile media in the world," he enthuses, referring to the fact that auto makers like Aston Martin have reported the positive effects of the game on their brand awareness in the U.S. "I am very glad to hear that manufacturers feel that the GT series has really helped with PR for their cars and companies. My dream is to create games where people can enjoy every aspect of all areas of the automobile industry, which would include all cars and all kinds of motor sports." Doesn't working on the same series of games year after year get, well, boring? "In general, when a hobby becomes your work, most people lose interest. However, that does not seem to apply to cars. I've heard journalists and auto racers say the same thing.

Just to veer off on a quick tangent as we close our conversation, our gossip columnist reported a few months ago that GT3 would include complete versions of Omega Boost and Motor Toon GP, is there any truth in that? "I have had that idea, but it might be difficult, he admits. Right now, it seems as though getting everything car-related into the game is what's important and also knowing when to stop









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· Greg Sewart, editor at Electronic Gaming Monthly and NASCAR devotee, helped us out this month with two NASCAR reviews. Grea. we doff our mesh-backed John Deere caps to you in thanks. •

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### Fantavision

Publisher Sony CEA Developer Sony CE

Web Site www playstation com Considering this was the only lirstparty game at launch, it's surprising that it is one of the only games that desen't really show the power of the system Sure, it'llustrates some groopy lighting and particue effects but underneath it's a pretty simple puzzle game that could be made to work on a Game Boy with some tweaking

So what's t about? At first glance it looks extremely complicated and a bit intimidating. The basic idea is lo chain colored flares together in a fireworks display and then detonate them to make pretty patterns. The more you chain together, the more points you get There are things that complicate matters in the form of "wild cards" that allow you to chain different colored flares together as well as bonus items to collect buil fundamentally you're just trying to keep the display on on

I ve altways been of the opin on that a classic, puzzle game should really push you into one of those meditative i cones: that a almost trance-like as you focus entirely on the basics of the gameplay and tune everything else out. Fantavision certainly iets you of that. But the action is so fast and frenetic that if you break your concentration even for a second you complietly balls every thing up Maybe it's just a little too intense? Regardless, Lengoyed it hink. So bucks is a bit much though

Final Score • • • • • John Davison

Players: 1-2 Memory Card: 376 KB



### MASCAR 2001 Publisher EA Sports Developer EA Sports

Web Site www.easports.com NASCAR racing appeals to a very select audience. Since your average racing fan doesn't really want to drive in increas for hours, gamers alwai into that sort of thing are more alkey, hardcore fans of the sport. Therefore the only way to make all truly good NASCAR game is for test the same way EA treats Madden luke a to blown simulation. Two wai the real drivers cas and tracks, great commentary, and an obnovous

For some reason EA can tifgure that out. What you get with NASCAR 2001 is a watered-down arcade racer with options and stats so limited it's a crime. There's no way tri track the rockie points race. The only create a





driver option is the ability to enter your own name, and then the game assigns you anometown orthodae and number The setup off took in your car are aloke. The game is even missing a buy high and tracks including Mrinigan and Dover two of the greatest short tracks in the induit.

But for the moment, let storget a that and in at NASLAR 2001 purely from a sumebus: strandom't **The physics are actually pretty nice** The cars feel heav and handle like should at seed - usward let should at seed - usward let like the should at the strandom set like the strandom set of the set the strandom set of the set of the substance of the set of the set of the substance of the set of the set of the substance of the set of the set of the substance of the set of the set of the set of the substance of the set of t

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Is reav, the bad This definitely bas the marking of a great NASCAR game, but **EA skimped in all the** wrong areas. Unit they start treating this sport seriously, the r NASCAR tranch selw, remain nothing more than a rental at best. Final Score ●●

Greg Sewart
Players: 1-2
Memory Card: 411 KB







# NFL GameDay 2001

### PS2 laughing stock

Publisher Sony CEA Developer 989 Sports

Web Site www.808sports.cum instead of becoming Livid with anger, Tim usid going to laugh Alter at Llove comedy And there are those select rew games that teave so much to be desired you, anct only, augh, but you It bend over with abs c enching tears streaming, controller barely in hand. With the BS2 launch so recent, past is a wonder a game with such nomed clervor has afread, in the singues, And moreso, that is a lootpatt game.

For too ong my constant pleas tor more numer, in games had gone unhead bar with GameDay you L encounter a never-end ng string of good-hearted guttaxs **This is the worst PS2 game to hit** the market. And she ling out an unfortunately spent S50 for this care is the request one of at

Of the wide expanse of hyster call instances within a contest of GameDay, one of my favor te Keystane Cops moments was watching my apparently on c OB heave the ball downlield. After being chaked by a cumpling horde of Linemen, au moving in careful synchron tation, my rightnanded QB was able to run ful, speed to his left and launch the ball 40 yards down the right sideline. Om most occasions, these bombadiers of bail-flinging merely toss iit-physics be dammed' in ruls strude Better yet, most of the time the thrown ball appears to come out of his ear instead of his hand. Actually, Lied; it never

seems to come out of his hand It just floats above, magically hovering

These flaws in simple physics artially get worke. When diving to a molasser pluking halfback, be prepared for your defender not to leap but to be shot from an imaginary canon. The amount of an mation from crouching to a tail. Superman dive is so limited as to inspire a fit of gigues

The crowd is another laugh attack wating to happen. After a big play the roar of the crowd is deafering but sneak a peek at the human no semakers and they rejust sitting there, hands on faces, bored out of the ricollective missi isympathize. And are those camera flashes coming from the ornery crowd or did





Spinal Tap's newest drumm wr just sulfer another farcica, fair T the dwing and bail chucking doesn't inspire you to stay away from this game, know that the tece ang game is good for a hearty chort.e. First, there's no momentum Guys seem to be held in bounds by taut, invisible strings movies in can full-speed leaging with se lead to a sudden gravity surger that the kiny a receiver glue. Ik of the bits and?

The ball is yet another testa in ent to GameDay's slopp ness it sla wonder the thing duesnit unravel since it appears to be a mass of rabbit turds it uck

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Forget about the wacky AI, the CPU's misuse of timeouts, and the isochronal leaping by defensive and offensive players alike You I, have to ignore ail these things to convince yoursel you re

playing a game of footbal. Overali, this game must be a tribute to comedic genus, because it's not a legitimate foot

ball game. It's horeble in new and nventive ways. But at least it's funny. Go Madden, or go without Final Score

Todd Zuniga







### CALIFORNIA CHINT

Dan Leahy (XG's "Sports Guy") and Todd sit down for a stirring *tete-a-tete* over the year's crappiest football game.

Dan: Look at that crowd They're so riveted they re staoled to their seats Todd: That one chick in the crowd is just flexing. Or is she shaving? Gross Dan: I love that Olympic flame kick-meter. Nice addition Todd: More than the bast laving flat? It's not even on a tee OK here comes the legendary dump pass! I wish readers could see this play. Only then would they believe it Dan: Pass interference?! Why didn t they call that the last five times I tackled your receiver before the pass? Oh, well; I ti take any penalty when Herman Munster shows up as the ref Todd: You just smacked my QB for a fumble, but that doesn t stop this dame from calling it

ncomplete Dan: Check out this closeup Everyone has a 5 o clock shadow And whats up with their feel? Those are the shoes worn by the ancient Yeti Todd: Better yet, it seems we re playing with closege rules—fail down with the ball and the whistle blows

Dan: This game sucks Todd: Holy crap Go to the replay. What is that?! The ball just fell out of his hand Dan: Oh, sweet! It just appeared in my player's hand, like he was playing hacky sack First down Todd: I can't ston laughing Dan: I like when I'm in the shotqun I can't even see my QB Uh, oh. Watch out Going deep Todd: What was that? Dan: An average man would've snapped his arm in two, running left, throwing right. Wait, 2nd down? Didn't he catch that? Todd: How could he, you dove one way and when the camera changed you dove the other Dan: Why is my guy sliding for 10 feet when I dive out of bounds? I ve never laughed so hard from playing a video game This is hilarious



Q-Ball Billiards Master

#### O-Ball Billiards Master Publisher Take 2 Developer Oroth

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### Joe Rybicki





#### Ready 2 Rumble Boxing Round 2 Publisher Midway

Developer Midway Web Site www.midway

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But the Championship mode isn't the only way to play the game. To unlock all the characters, you'll need to fight through the Arcade mode time and again to game the services of the likes of Shaquille Oka, and Michael Jackson. There are other ceaes hidden but you, In eed to gut in some serious time to open them up That's probably the best timing about the game. Though the repeated bit, There's alway to the and when you the component of the second power warps your opponent of the second power s

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Players: 1-2 Memory Card: 61 KB











### Real Pool Publisher Infogrames Developer Takara

Web Site www.infogrames.com As I mentioned in the 0-8a review real-wish I could combine these two pool titles into one game. I Uber-pool Here's wry I hough 0 Ball appears to be a mind bogding 4 accurate pool sim, it's fough for the casea, payer to pick to d. I it goor interface and crue, realistion

Real Pool on the other hand set lar more accessible earner Not in codes the interface maximum of income the challenge level is much downtrain, the balls lipids een it more more like a co-cogame land quite as precise a simulation of all the dynamic variables involved in policy ball or differ same large about mation of more simulations. In fee about mation of more simulations



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### Joe Rybicki

Players: 1-2 Memory Card: 145 KB

Real Pool

### Sipheed: The Lost Planet Publisher Working Designs

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Players: 1 Memory Card: 65 KB



### Unreal Tournament Real disappointment

Publisher infogrames Developer Epic

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person shooters. That's not the whole story though. With more than two or three characters onscreen the engine starts to sputter like an '89 Ford Taurus in the middle of winter lay uning these characters.

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Beyond this fundamental issue, UT is a reasonably solid game. The nerusion of old school Capture to-Flag A rid or Lease ingtma PC namero and further or the pr Assa I alla & r deterd a r alea EC.1 ' an 1" 'r rater attempt! +ontro, ertar sigmaric time map by inggering similar in .... fte comerca l'ale de la sau" n part , and a great dep a dit. hand of pretty well to short the him other diam to deter frighe Lase in 10 mm , r play the exact same in a litite to other side. I only wish there were more of these, this is one of th most rampant area of , the eve bilding the FC erect and would have need a more to the seerlon of b per i

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Assault and Domination there's nothing Unreal Tournament does that TimeSplitters doesn't do much, much better A to the

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### The Benefits of Variety

The one feature that may keep players reasonably interested is the variety of gameplay modes: Capture the Flag (right), Domination (lower right) and Assault (below). These are in addition to standard group and oneon-one Deathmatches.









Sky Odyssey

Sky Odyssey

Publisher Activision

Developer . ·

Web Site

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Final Score . Joe Rybicki

### Players: 1 Memory Card: 238 KB









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### Surfing H30

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Players: 1-2 Memory Card: 304 KB



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Army Men

### Army Men: Sarge's Heroes 2 Publisher 200 Developer 300

Web Site www. 3do.com Another month, another Army Mer game. But I have to admit that the just fication for this onslaught of apparently similar games is linally becoming ruear to the Having played Air Attack, World War LSA and this dame in short succession. Live come to realize that they really are very di-

#### ferent gum in Specifically Sarge's Heroes ( ) a far more action-oriented game than the gritty compatis mithat is

World War LSA Where curls, His Ar had nothing but real strice  $\mathcal{W}_{r} \to r_{d}$ weapons, vehicles and enemy H. throws in power-ups, all stands complete with that the and provi ently magical rapid for intro-shows I makes for a much quicker fix that SA, and the lighthearted all on ree. makes thsomehow easier to itema hi the inevitable host of bugs land imnot talking about the aforementioned gravevardis grant spiders here! Perhaps that's because you're not putting as much concentration and effort into the dame, so when you suffer a cheap death due to graphical alitches, targeting problems, mysterious immobility or the absolutely awful controls, its not that big of a deal-at least not as much

As you, might have bath are to the shit to say that Sarge's Hor C. IS a particulary 2000 game it gust that Is easier to gnore teman, Law 1 should prove a fair christe tor rental Final Score .

### Joe Rybicki Players: 1-2 Memory Card: 1 block



#### Breath of Fire IV Publisher Captor Developer Cat Web Site www. ap. 11

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### Where BOFIV really impresses is in its new combat additions. As r

Chrono Cross you related the at ... to choose the order in which the acters will strack liver better inc ability you have to riwar to party members during battle. You I have are performing the actual fig. tir a b 1 you II be able to swap in part. needed. What's especially 'oo, about' this is that part, members in the ballk rows lan rest and earn back status points, which adds a cool ele

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### **Driver 2** The wheelman has issues

### Publisher infogrames Developer Retlections

Web Site www.intogrames.com Criver, the fally ruled, t was a proundbreaking spectacular classic " at it and the rules for driving tank in all existems It's since ther the ed ripped off and bor · · · · · me tairly major haws that sesperately needed fixing if 1 time, manage to do 1? 10 x 5 35

The new game isn't perfect by an, stretch of the magination, and .ems, the underlying vibe of the whole experience is even better than in the original. The majority of this hall been helped by the inlange In the structure of the game Whereas the chiq rial relied in you selecting (rom message), eftiop your answering machine. Driver 2 is a much more near attair. What it larks in freedom it certainly com



pensates for in pace. The sense of progression is much stronger this time, and you certainly get a bance to dentify with the charac ters more read ly

As before, the missions vary in style from scene to scene. Some times you re racing around the streets chasing bad guys, sometimes you re working surveillance and have to tail someone, and then there are those times when you simply must get from A to B as the entire police force tries to ram you off the streets. The variety really helps set up the Starsky and Hutchiness of it all and I have to say that if I were rating this on atmosphere alone, it would get five discs, easy.

So what's wrong? Well, for a start it's probably a far too ambitious proje it to be implemented on PS one There are times throughout all of the levels where you can really tell that its putting an enormous strain on the poor little gray box. Hopes of s owdown and pop-up being eradicated are immediately dashed the







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Enginally if was thought that the game would include some 3C action elements where you get to run around on foot This isn't the case What you do get though, is the freedom to jump out of your car at pretty much any point and steal any vehicle thats stationary Can anyone say Grand Theft Auto?



I got the distinct impression at one point that my PlayStation really did want to kill me

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#### Colin McRae Rally 2.0 Publisher Code State P

Developer Cirteri Web Steak was a standard and a standard a standa

### probably up there with GT2 as one of my all-time favorite racing games of all time. No really, its that good

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#### Duke Nukem: Land of the Babes Publisher

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### Chris Baker

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#### The Emperor's New Groove Publisher SCEA Developer Argonaut

Web Site www.playstation.com Ah yes, here's a video game based on a movie license that isn't half bad. It captures the spirit and flair of the movie, so it will definitely appeal to fans, but it also features soud enough gameplay to entice gamers who have no interest in the movie

was pleasantly surprised at how well Sony and developer Argonaut were able to deliver the same sar castic tone of the movie into the game. In fact, was surprised at the extent they took it to-here's one game that totally doesn't take itself seriously I'll adm t to having chuckled at some of the gags that made fun of traditiona, video game elements and shortcomings. What s also really cool is that between stages you re treated to scenes from the movie. The digitization was really good, as the FMV looks really nice

The game's graph cs are good (it uses an enhanced version of the Croclenginel, and the music is very upbeat and jazzy Actually, the music and sounds were my favorite aspects of the game-they often perfectly augment the humorous on-screen action Controls are spot-on as well.

Unfortunately, the gameptay is a mixed bag. While there is a good amount of diversity with its man stages, a lot of the platforming elements are rather elementary

Overall, it's like Sovro, but not guite as fun St.ll, fans of platformers and the movie alike should enjoy it

### Final Score . . Sam Kennedy







#### **ESPM MLS Game Night** Publisher Konam Developer KCE1

Web Site www.konami.com the such a shame when a big fran hise that we ve all come to know and love faus to meet expectations. It seems that since Konam, hitched ISS Pro with its ESPN license, things have been going downhill. This is the second game we ve reviewed this year under that particular banner. and it doesn't particularly impress That s not to say that it s a very bad game lit certainly isn't. It's just that while FiFA has romped ahead and broken new ground with simulating the sport, Konam seems content to provide us with a more arcadev and simple experience

At first glance you d be hard pressed to place MLS Game Night, it could be any Konami soccer game

### from the last three years. If it werenit for the licensed teams from

the MLS league joining the 53 inter national teams you dihave a hard time finding much of a difference Control is perfectly adequate, but

#### you don't get the feeling of being totally in command of the ball the

way you do in FIFA 2001. The passing game is a little scratchy you re bet ter off passing into space than letting The pass system decide where the ball goes), and the CPU AI seems to be a bit suspect in places if you ve played plenty of soccer games you it be able to run rings around the game n one player mode and you'll soon crave the challenge of a human opponent. Not exactly spectacular

### Final Score . John Davison

Players: 1-4 Memory Card: 1 block







# Lunar 2: Eternal **Blue Complete**

### Classic gaming never goes out of style

Publisher Working Designs Developer to pr 1

Web Site www.working is in en ome RPGs simply blow year away right from the start. Mayl - 11 , ve-1 / ve popping grapt (1 1 ) ning FMV sequences. Or maybe they offer something unique, innoative, never seen bet in

In fact, nothing at contract of 2 will grab you by the sholl ders like k you in the gut, and leave you ree, no for breath Why? First JH Ls a remake of a to bit classic iso don't expect the graphics to come close to what we've all grown accustomed to And the gameplay web its about what you take the ric

an RPG Gode test Arth 1 Art



Sure, Lunar 2 is pricey \$69.95 ] but you get a whote lot in the box Along with a three disc dame, there's a music disc and a Making of disc, a hardbound manual that's full of extras like artwork and developer interviews, character mini-standees. and a full-size Lucia's Pendant that no self-respecting person would be caught dead wearing Basically, a tanboy's wet dream

explore dimoren after dungeon L. LL . J. el et et nier stod vour wav through boss battles. Not exactly a

But, wait. Before you move on to the next review and before liget triing up and lynched by a legion of rabid hardcore Lunar fans let me teil you that despite its limita tions. Lunar 2 still stands far above many of today's modern RPGs. ottering a delightfully refined gamng experience. And thanks to Working Designs able efforts, the game has some of the best writing ever in a console RPG

Full of subtle adult humor atong with not so subtle innuendosi puns and pop-culture refer ences. Working Designs transla tion flows effortlessly. The story Iself is a nice mix of picaresque adventure, budding romance and developing friendships that never gets too heavy from the weight of a the underlying themes. The fre guent anime cutscenes are charmng enough to win over even a notorious anime hater like me Also r oteworthy is the likable (but Bmovie guality, voice-acting

And then there's the battle sys tem. At first glance, t looks simple enough, with an easily navigable



interface and limited commands But that surface simplicity belies a deep system that requires strategic thinking and careful choices You II have to plan every hit, spell or defensive maneuver to take full advantage of your placement, movement and speed. Enemies also animate differently depending on what attack they re about to unleash, allowing you to better plan your moves. And best yet, absolutely no random batties!

It's too bad Junar 2 suffers from a few problems, like frequent slowdown and long battle load times also wish Working Designs put as much care into Lupar 2 as they did with its predecessor. In the first PS one Lunar remake, for example almost every character had something different to say the second time you approached them, but in Lunar 2, a much greater number of the NPCs only parroted back what they had just said. Still, these are relatively minor dripes

So it s not a revolution in gameplay Fine But Lunar 2 does plenty of things well enough to warrant a look even from gamers weared on all those new school RPGs with their fancy-schmancy graph cs. If you ve played the first Lunar remake, then you already know what imitalking about If not, consider playing this one-not for a .ook at how games used to be but for how games ought to be Final Score

### Gary Steinman

Players: 1 Memory Card: 1 block

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### F1 Championship Season 2000 Publisher EA Sports

Developer EA Sports Web Site www.easports.com Hang on ase dian EA sports already do this the spart's Ap, we say Well, that probably rais cometing a rodo with making the usp most out of an extremely expensive Lense

We reviewed the first F1 game from EA Sports this year back in issue 33 where it scored a respect able three and a half. Barix then the commented that the game was d ?ferent from many other F1, censes in that it didn't provide lineal is tuations. from the season, but instead have you the tools with which to play along This new release is pretty much the same thing, only with a retrospective view. The season's over, shiny things have been wor and siluations have been remem bered And that s where this game steps in. As well as beind able thirate through the whole seas in sigain with realistic events, che of the notable features here is the is nario mode that dives volusper it. goals to race through and trut achieve results akin to real, ife

In all, it's not a bad package. I looks great and isounds awesome but suffers considerably from one of the witchiest control systems — e ever encountered II m sure the ana log control isn Lactually analog. I singly sin Loosable to take a curve smoothly) Not bad, but not great

### Final Score • • • • • John Davison







#### Freestyle Motocross: McGrath vs. Pastrana Publisher Acclam Developer 7 Ax

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Players: 1-2 Memory Card: 1 block







#### Gundam Battle Assault Publisher Banda Developer Bandar Web Site www.banda.com

A most by default it seems as the indimest dames based on an eraseries are enjoyed only by these all odd, lam last at the source material mean Dragonia. Z games are some of the most soupport after titles on eBay let they aren't earth, regarded as topperchild to searth, regarded as topperchild to share the association of the Sundar Battle Association of the Sundar Battle Association of the Unes title or the tending domaind and the association of the source of a standard lighter. Its unique graphical style and mech fighting more than keyn the interested

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Gundam's 2D graphics aren't too shabby In battle, the game **flawlessly scales in and out, and some of the massive bosses are truly amazing** On the other hand, the static cut scenes leals ring to bit inoxing text

aren texact, that inspiring Music and sound effects are so id Overall Gundam Battle Wing s

the perfect game to Gundam Barl # Wing is the perfect game to Gundam tans But even better i anvone into mech fighting should likely en ovi thop **Final Score** 

### Sam Kennedy





#### Harvest Moon: Back to Mature Publisher Nationne

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#### more like a full life simulator

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### Mary-Kate and Ashley: Magical Mystery Mail

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### Final Score Chris Baker

Players: 1 Memory Card: 1 block











#### **Moto Racer World Tour** Publisher Infogrames Developer Delphind

Web Site www.nfogrames.com The Moto Racer series was the Erst real motorcycle racing game on the PtayStation and one of the tirst games to support analog control And since the very first game, Delphine has implemented control that is as close to perfect for this kind of game as we relikely to see in our lifet mes

### I m happy to report that this is still the case mostly There's no game around that can touch the ultra-tight control found in the

street bike segments of Moto Racer World Tour But unfortunately 1 seems as though the motocross half of the game has slipped a bit, your bike seems far more likely to slide around turns than it does to actually turn. This leads to a powertess tee ing-not to mention an intimate relationship with lots of guard rais

Of course, this may have been intentional it's clear the difficulty level has been pumped up through out the game. You will need to stay extremely sharp, braking carefully at the turns and accelerating smoothly so the back end doesn't go out from under you. Success in MRWT may require patience and dedication, but the sense of accompushment upon mastering a course makes it worth t, as do the new modes [like the abuilty to race in traffic-yikes ] which pecome available upon beating the champ onships. Highly recommended for any racing fan

Final Score . . Joe Rybicki Players: 1-2 Memory 1-2 Memory Card: 1 block





### **NASCAR Heat**

Publisher Hasbro Interactive Developer Dicc

Web Site www.hasbrointeractive.com NASCAR Heat suffers a lot of the same problems NASCAR 2001 does la mited amount of cars on the track not the greatest setup options in the world, and not really enough competition to make the season mode worth spending any time on However Hasbro is to be commended for tak-

### ing an entirely different angle with the NASCAR license

NASCAR Heat offers a collection of different play modes that keep the dame tresh Beat the Heat consists of various challenges that face real dr version any given Sunday Sunday SLINDAY, Some of them have even been designed by NASCAR super stars Hasbro took the celebrity involvement of Heat even further when they got drivers ike Dale Earnhardt Mark Martin and Bobby Laborite to record their best labs. Then, in the Race the Proloption prayers have the charged, beat their times. There's - on ething really cool about being able to say you relbetter than Dale Earnhardt at a NASCAR game Of course, on top of all this are the obligatory Single Race, Championship and Multiplayer modes

NASCAR Heat even includes the tracks that EA Sports' latest game didn't In fact, t's a better all-around product. If not for the downright uply graphics. Heat would be a buyer ostead, just cent it and save your per nies for the gorgeous PS2 version

### coming this spring Final Score **Greg Sewart**





# The World Is Not Enough

### And neither is this game

Publisher Electronic Arts Developer Black Op-Web Site www.eac.n

GoldenEye on the No., has a lot to answer for when 1 jomes to messing with people's expectations of a ames Bond game I may be get delin lise tirst percon shorters What tai to a de star tithen is why do all the Bund games on the PlayStation Suck?

OK OK, maybe im being harsh TWINE certainly doesn't Juck its. predecessor Tomorrow Never Dies did but that s another matter! but ng. For a start, where the hell are the multiplayer modes? If there's one thing that GoldenEve cond tioned everyone into wanting from their Bond experience, apart from



a taste for vodka mastins. I Adv lu on bardcule teathmatch luo TWINE has nothing Nada Zip Zich. Null You get the one praver expension ence and that siver lot. Sure that experience dries a more than ade grate ob of investing the story from the move to man the pitee. ing a bit conned by the lack of extra modes, Especially when the No4 version of TWINE has multiplayer

modes dripping from every onfice

As tirst-person shooters on PlayStation go, this certainly isn't a bad one I wouldn't place it as high on my list as either of the Medal of Honor games but its st. pretty good. Lidoes suffer from some pretty major problems though First is that I romes from the same school of thought as Driver 2. Black Ops. was obviously extremely ambitious about what it wanted to wring from the PS one and in places, think maybe it was pushing things a bit hard. Some of the more spectacular set meres have a tendency to chug along at an atarmingly slow rate and really struggle as you play through it really messes with the pace, and to be honest, in a game where precision is important. I think the tramerate is more crucial than other considerations

Second there's the matter of bad guy spawn points. Walk down a corr dor with nothing behind you except an elevator, set oft an alarm, and suddenly there are three angry hugs behind you emptying their machine guns into your backside Where did they come from? There are no doors back there just the merator, and the doors to that never opened Realism apparently leaps out of the window at that point .and as it continues to occur during the increasingly tough levels, you just and up pertung more and more anony with 1 Thankfully, to compensate the game does offer up plenty of variety. The levels provide you with a number of variations on the FPS theme, with some interesting con-



As you expect, Mr. Bond gets to carry a vast array of different goodies with him on each mission. He also enjoys healthy sponsorship deals with a variety of large corporations like Motorola, whose logo dominates the options screen when you pause the game. Does that make you want to buy gadgets?

Irol tweaks for when volure skind or whatever. There are also plenty of cool Bondian gadgets to wave in people's faces. My particular favorite is the pen that screws with metal detectors. The bad guys don't even bat an eyelid as you wander arcund like a buffoon holding the thing in front of your face with its sticks out prongs emitting beepy no ses

In all, I have to say I was disap pointed. We have yet to enjoy something that even meets the standards of an early generation No4 game What a crying shame

### Final Score





#### NCAA Final Four 2001 Publisher Sony CEA Developer 989 Sports

Web Site www.989sports.com I was going to start by writing down the impurtant elements of college hnop: way doing to tak about an as emittage of momentum, energy trended family inversity under and a Enderella-turned-plant killer But based on 989's latest effort, none of these things will be present in NCAA basketball this season

Donit be alarmed; I m being facetious. Even though FF2001 has tried to make college basketball trustrating and annoving the arm a Marit in nament will still teature train , wir t to dismantle dethrone and persevera The vid version on the officer hand eaves one with an just woke up and-it's 25-years-later and college basketbal, sucks-now kind of teeuno

For starters there is no atmosphere Announcer Quinn Buckner seems bured out of his grape, and you ran actually hear a lisix napping tans wake to clap when a game tying bucket keeps your Sweet to hopes a wel Otherwise, it s a cathedral

Gameplay wise dribbing is part of the catastroatie. There's only one butter for the tex special moves Ispin moscover, and they don't seem to have an effection defenders. Ever the gmp, ballers of Hofstra are unfazed by your quard's best efforts When you daringly try to make some thing of your killer crossover its an nvitation to be stripped. Repeat Special dr bbles, turnovers, Dumb

The biggest bonus of the game is its smoothness. But even that causes problems. Passing the ball is an annoying yide iberate, albeit smooth act Any flow slost when it takes a guard two seconds before he can put



the ball, be careful. You might toss it to the inbounder who is, ahh, yes, out of bounds! And if you throw the ball offens ve player might never see his teammates until he shoots. Sweet,

This jam is sales too many Final Score .

### Todd Zuniga





NCAA Final Four 2001



### Power Rangers Lightspeed Rescue Publisher THO

Developer Cumax Web Site www.thg.com I have to admit I m surprised there's

" Ad Firt LINEA game Regardless mediocre license-milker A 441 generate any more interest, even for the young target audience, there s not a lot here to keep your attention Controls are jerky and inaccurate, levels are bland, and miss on objectives are monotonous. Even the uve Final Score . Joe Rybicki





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RC de GO!

Publisher A Lat Developer Taito Web Site www.acclaim.com Can someone explain to the now it took so long for a game , ke this to R to DEars r . . My manner, basically serving as an updated, deeper incarnation of the

NES classic And it's every bit as fun. Just like R.C. Pro-Am, this Acclaim racer's most immediately unique quality is its perspective of a side view of the course in which the dynamic camera zooms in to Partition wants on the trans complete etcore the Bulaitian gutrighter Trai can be tough, as some races are so competitive that you'll often find yourself exhaling deeply at the end of that tense 55 to 75 seconds

Your best bet in winning those tough raner of the strup eppropriate . + 16 to r in the min parts a abie...p rt arr d "gendra to tri gri tiáma in h tsetrancette provide privad expert : christer to , d6 d Final Score . .

### Chris Baker

Players: 1 Memory Card: 2 blocks





### Ready 2 Rumble Boxing Round 2

Publisher Mid. a. Developer Midway Web Site ANA RELAK CO Ready 2 Running rising an invest 1 w. A. 1 m. p. s. 11 an sty prede-

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have a purpose. With the Ar admode the doar site of an art art istornew harafters for and

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Final Score Todd Zuniga





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Speedball 2100



### Speedball 2100 Publisher Empire

Developer Bitmap Broth Pa

If you wu, permit me to show my agri for a moment, the ongrad ask is in this on the Amiga and Atan ST waone of my favor legames in the early 905. Speedball 2, by the terribly hip at the time! Bitmsp Bros, was arguably one of the linest games of its age, and later proved its pop rank, tatter when converted for the Generas askeedball 2000 is guite nears, an attempt by the Bitmaps to make is comeback. And I really wish they had it bothered, as the game does little but damage my fond memories of the old classic.

Is a Julie sport, it has tots of players that can be modied and traded and the whole look is clearly int deceed by Retlereal. The game bags small sey fast, reducts a mod cum of skill but unfortunate, talls to really hold your attent on for very long. The bugest problem is that it looks terrible. If there was ever something that dight need a polygonal update with is it. There in a ram.

stuff is prefly using and its reark, and ring on the eye. Driting of the site means screenes that guide you through the management of your team are spectacularly bad. Even when plungeen the one of our ming TVs in the office you still couldn't read the test property, so navigating the man agement system was painful

Some things should just be eff alone and unfortunately, Speedball is one of them

### Final Score • • •







#### Torneko: The Last Hope Publisher Enix Developer Chun Soft

Web Site www.enix.com Take 8-bit penieplay, jazz it up with

Minhi ran Lis, threw in a portly snopkeb who prances around in a pauly prior pedin ghtshirt remove an, semblance of exeldesign, and you regot the recipe for this ordschool Dragon Warr or based dungeon creak.

Fyou ve never played a dungsion claw here show they work in hi your way through random y general ed dundeons. Eablienem es in osei, do real time. I sward my sword, then you swing yours! and search for all kinds of booty Each time voluenter a dungeon you start of with homesper ence, meaning you to have to leaving all over again. These games usually feature a nice a variely of eriemies. and items land for newo is no excertion], but the dungeons all look auke-they relbasically a collection of rectangular rooms connected by corr dors, with absolutely no puzzles

#### and very few secrets to uncover While Torneko may seem like a

while forfleko may seen use a derent kild game, it gut cikly becomes tur toul hallenging for younger players. What's more, it has a thoroughly unforgung save system that basicalvplanishes you for saving your progress while in a dungeon

Torneko does have its moments, partly due to the Dragon Warrior connection, partly due to its o d school appear. But even the most nosta gc ot gamens will be hard

pressed to find much tun here Final Score • • Gary Steinman

Players: 1 Memory Card: 2 blocks







# WWF Smack-Down! 2: Know Your Role

Publisher THQ Developer Yuke's Co Web Site www.thq.com

Shenanigans, tomitoolery, high jinks and balyhoo are all words you mg bit want to commit to memory if you're going to engage in the WVF's watesit PS one masterpiece WVF's watesit PS one masterpiece After all tims's SmackDown'l 2, where the number of false ass-\* cking's strukted only by the amount of vical wentilating

Since the rea, WWF is founded on adversarial kinks in uncertain topail es and prepositerious storvitines, the game reliefs this same scapopera styles shifting with a suitry decadence. The television version proves that rules are made to be broken, and SmackDown 2 does ts part to keep that ideology thriving

Here are a couple of examples Instead of unlocking characters in a boss, winning a big match, lopping someone's head off with a flying elbowl, our modern-day gladiators show up uninvited to battle and bettilte. After chising the first payper-view of the season, Stone Cold Steve Austin retaliated by putting a week-nip adli through Triple His bus Another instance of particular coolness was when I found myclar backstage as Kurt Angle I was to say the least, surprised to find an archnemesis chasing me around with a forkfull trying to put a prema ture end to my gold medalst's career. But who can blame hm?

If the above isn't convincing, I th put it simply SmackDown12 is great and it should appeal to more than just WWF die-hards There are enough different matches Francing from Casket to Table to Ladder to Hell in a Cell to keep a whole room of people entertained And there are so many different WWF personalities, men and women alike, that the appeal is universal (did I just say that?). Of course, I you want to be your own man or woman you can make your own man or woman in the Create A-Wrestler it's here where you become capable of creating the sharp-witted, sharp elbowed, sharp-dressed character of your choice. There are options an enti-

A heftier Career Mode Interface has been set up to keep you merry buried in the action. When Thursday night s SmackDown is on your Lube



you II see a list of matches for the evening (always subject to change based on the whims of denuis commissioner Vince McMahor the unlockable Mick Foley doesn t show up for a white? And y is an never step too far away from a backstage, provoke some porto int opponent or be asked to part pate in some bool gapism. If you re not involved with any sketchiness, you can watch abbri valed versions of matches leatur ng pictures of brawlers and ener gy bars which decrease as a mud tocks It's a perfect with the tay in touch with what rivaries are developing and where the story, ne (though this remains always unpredictable) might tur

The text, which was approving y terse in the first SmallkLown as boring, but it and the net Trans very attle voice from the wrestlers so you re-mostly doing L, see Ler ple say the same thirigs river and over again. But there is more of it For instance, you I, be asked to



interfere on occasion, which is a nice touch so you can call the shots of your career. And fivour happen to be playing with a mated character, you can actually type in text to replace the impleyes and no answers that the

marvelously verbal pros are given One more cool thing Backstage attacks may alter the playbill for the evening. If someone twists a knee or takes a table to the solar plexus, expect ram fications

The rivalries that are made and lost are another exclamation point

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As 1 r gameplay it's lightningfast, we ry wrestler has an array , sion laness you act ake y tides can turn quickly if you keep shing move still holds all its com < derable charm, and the colusion

laces come through and the nur ner sms make you feel like you're watching the real thing

On occasion the load lines multi wea you down but they e que to the trouble of anti-office of a Mean R. Placet La P. venue as a sking at Trish Stratus or Qite a Leana Level A Iter could be law is that the latter, at risk of being outdated sooner than it should. But it looks like culture to the date

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### Final Score Todd Zuniga







### **Ultimate Fighting** Championship Publisher Crave

Web Site www. commence of Without sprinting around the UEC paquists. Unfortunately, in the .ong The average match length www.after throwing some bruta roundhouse tists and an overhand Kullbuster or two only about 15 seconds and it attening quick twols with they train the to to survive, but nevitability eventually grabs hold and im tapping julia th my pride on a flight 1. Reykiavik

wish this weren't the case. This S a cool way to battle. It's Fight Club without Tyler Durden and the absurd activism. Its not spap-opera wrestling, it's not wussy boxing MOLD DELLETRAL AIS. until As te Att man as This welched, no coast of my face or - m-sure all to all t Sadly, though it doesn in rik that

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Memory Card: 1 block

### bank account, too. Rent this first Final Score .

Todd Zupida Players: 1-2



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Woody Woodpecker Racing

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#### You Don't Know Jack Mock 2 Publisher Sierra On-Line Developer Starsphere Interactive

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a l Remove all enterta ning lingles that introduce each question replacing them with a computer-zed female voice saying simple things like 'four

b) Remove the opportunity to select a category, instead making each 15 question game (none of this seven- or 21-question business) an episode" in which all less-funny-

### than-ever questions center around a

single theme-loosely at that c Downgrade the graphics engine so that the Jack Attack, for example, looks like something the Easter Bunny vomited

d | Get that br lliantly sarcastic and equally hillarious host Raoul out of there. Meanwhile, the replacement s name should rhyme with the overall unfunny performance he delivers-

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Make gamers get the r laughs from NFL GameDay 2001 on PS2 instead J The answer, of course, is E. It's too bad we ll never really know why this

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#### This Month's Strategies

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Kenneth "Slim" Miller, Henry LaPierre Terry Minnich, Dave Malec

OK, so not everyone has their PS2 yet. So, to ease the pain we injected a big chunk of PS one strategies for you this calendar month. Want to slide through the first disc of Final Fantasy IX without pulling your hair out? We've got you covered. And, in THPS2, how the hell are you supposed to get the Secret Tape in Venice? We've taken care of that, too. All you need to worry about is getting a PS2 on that lonely space next to the TV. Hey, before you start tearing into that X-mas gift you KNOW is a copy of SSX, send your coolest tricks to OPM@zlfdavis.com. Title the e-mail Tricks Forum.

## **READY 2 RUMBLE 2**

#### JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

There are a load of secret characters and a smatter of secret codes in R2R2. Here are some Secret Codes to get you through the holday. You'l lneed to put these in at the Character Select screen. If you hear a bell, you know you're in business.

Toothpick Mode Right, Right, Up, Down, Right, R1, R2 *Chubby Mode* Right, Right, Up, Down, Right, R1, R1, R2

Big Gloves Mode Left, Right, Up, Down, R1, R2 Zombie Mode Left, Up, Right, Down, R1, R1, R2 FINAL FANTASY IX INTRODUCTION



#### The Field Icon

Any time you are near something that can be examined, opened taken or manipulated in any way, a Field Icon will appear above your head. This makes searching for hidden ierms easier than it is ever been before. There are is mple items scattered all over nearly every screen in the game, as well as special terms hidden away in strange locations. We've inducated the locations of the most important items, but it is easy to find itons of useful items and equipment simply by searching every new area and walching for the Field it con



The Mighty Tent

In FFp, the TenLifern can actually be used in battle to restore your HP and MP, however, there is a risk in using it. If you use a Tent on yourself, there's a good chance that instead of being headed, you will be bitten by a snake that causes Silence, Darkness and Poison status adments, even if you have abilities equipped that delend against them. The snake makes the Tent a little to orsky to rety on to head your party, but the crazy thing is that you an use the Tent on the enemy—they have the same chance of getting bitten by the beginning of the battle (so it won't matter if you heal the boss) and keep using it unit, the make bits Time proceed to hack away at it while it can't cast any spells, can barely hit you, and us soing life to point.



#### The Card Game

The card game is pretty confusing, but we're here to clear it up. Each card has four dig ts on it that represent the card's attack power, attack type, thysica, defense, and magicadefense. The three numerical digits represent hexadecimal numbers. If the digit is '0 then the strength wit, be from 1 to 16. If it's a '1; the strength will be from 17-32 and so on The attack type digit is a letter P is physical. At is magical, and X will automatically pick the better of the two. To win the card game easily, make sure you have a weak card with all or nearly a., of the sides containing arrows. Put the card in the middle of the board's or that it is easily or the opponent to take. When it is surrounded by other cards, put one of your stronger cards down to win your weak card back and you'lt combo all the "ards around it. The card game servery will purpose, but you might want to hone your skitus for a special event later in the game.

#### Army Men: Air Attack

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## Colin McRae Rativ

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#### **Crash Team Racing**

On the main menu screen, hold L1+R1 and press the following button combinations to get the results as shown You will hear a noise when entered correctly Unlock Komodo Joe: Press Down, Circle, Left, Left, Triangle, Right, Down You can play as Komodo Joe in any mode except Adventure

Unlock Papu Papu: Press Left, Triangle, Right, Down, Right, Circle, Left, Left, Down You can play as Papu Papu in any mode except Adventure

Unlock Pinstripe: Press Left, Right, Triangle, Down, Right, Down You can play as Pinstripe in any mode except Adventure More Tracks: Right, Right, Left, Triangle, Right, Down, Down

Invisible Racer (only wheels): Up, Up,

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#### Kurt Warner's Arena Football Unleashed

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## STRATEGY GUIDES

Here's the system: If the strategy guide is useful, gives tricks and tips and helps you narrow your gene time, it's going to score well. If it doesn't, unsurprisingly, it's not. Will the guide make you a better genera? It is better, or we'll tell you to spend' your cake elsewhere.

#### Ready 2 Rumble Basing Round 2

There's quike a bit to know about Ready 2 Rumble: Round 2, and this guide is packed with all of it. It gives you a list of all the combos and special moves for each and every boxer and even tells about hidden characters Michael Jackson and Shaquille O'Neal. The only shortcoming of the guide is that it doesn't divulge who all of the secret characters are. Apparently, you'll have to go to the Prima Web site for that info. Otherwise, this will definitely improve your Rumble skills so you can do the glove dance on any of the opposition deven the ones they aren't ready to tell us about.

Final Score



Teldon Tay Tournament For the average fallow that just wants to let out some aggression via polygonal fighting, this guide is *not* for you. This thing is a bardcore if intimidating. There are up to five pages on some combatants, and you'll

team everything from juggles, to throws, to a complete moves list that is overwheimingly excellent. If you're going to take the time to really learn a character, this is the best way to go about it. An excellent guide. Final Score

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#### **Nide Racer V and MetoGP**

How much can you really glean from a strategy guide about a racing game? If there aren't tots of shortcuts to figure out, then it's basically. Take a left at the place where you have to take a left. Duh. There aren't really any secrets to the game, either The strongest part of the guide is actually for MotoGP, since it's partly useful, but otherwise this game doesn't need a guide in the leest. Final Score

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#### Health of Henor Underground

If you're having trouble getting through the game and ending the Nazi reign, this is a great guide to pull you through. There are maps of each level (which could have been a little cleaner and, in turn, a bit more useful). There are little tips throughout the levels and you'll have a list of secrets and unlockables at your fingerips. Besides the maps, another shortcoming is that the same four pieces of art show up time and time and time again. But, besides the artistic redundancy, this is a guide for any gamer struggling through MaHU. Final Score.



### DVD EASTER EGGS

Boogle Nights Double Flammum DVC On the latest version of P.T. Anderson's Boogle Nights DVD he says to check yourcolor by using the color bars in the setup. You'll lind some footage hidden there. But brace yourself for what you'll see.



Rank Hear Ord This one works best if you access the Heavy D video first, then input these title and chapter numbers. Title: 4, Chapter 3, You'll be welcomed to an early attempt at film.

making by *Rush Hour* director Brett Rattner. It's a home video clip of a short film Rattner made called "Evil Luke Loe," which parodies old Kung Fu flicks.

#### Vallew Submarine (790

Try clicking all over the submarine itself. You'll find all sorts of goodies by clicking in different places.

#### Within the Or DVD

Here are two eggs from the same film classic. First, go to the cast, (the one in, which you see the wicked which and a tree beside her) and move the highlighting arrow to it. It will highlight an hourglass. Select it to read more info on these entertaining flying monkeys. Second, highlight the yellow orb on Glanda's info page. It contains more info on the munchkins.

#### The Magazy DVD

When entering the area for languages on this DVD music will start to play He big deal, right? Well, usually this type of music is looped, but you'll be able to listen to Jerry Goldsmith's entire score for-7he Mummy on this one.

#### Main ion the Meen (MD)

Go into the Bonus Materials after you siari up the DVO then skip over to Andy's Biography, You'll xee iittle pictures of Andy Kaufman's face near the bottom of the screen. Use your remote to highlight these pictures and while on them, hit Enter. You'll see a variety of clips of the real Andy. There are six clips in all:

#### The Fifth Element DYD

On the main menu, move the cursor to highlight the subtitles icon. Then press up on the remote You'll notice the cursorhas disappeared. Hit Enter. A Hidden picture will appear. Press these buttons in this order to view the four other pictures. Up, Down, Left. Right. Now hit the Enter button to launch the tesser trailer. Andra di Antra di Ant



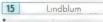


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No CPU Assistance (2P must agree)

Power-Up Speed: (2P must agree).

Tournament Mode (2P game only)

Smart CPU Opponent (1P game only).

Power-Up Offense Fast Turbo Running. Invisible

#### Legacy of Kain:

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#### Maximum Health: Hold L1 and press R -

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Right Up, Triangle L2, Right Sunlight Glyph: Hold L1 and press Left Criss Left Right Right of ordination

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#### THE HUMAN WALL

OK, you have to stop the puck. Fat chance if you're trying to do it yourself every time. Let your goalle do the work, but prepare for shots to sneek top shelf at any time. Here are two ways to keep the puck moving and out of your net.

First off, when you're killing a penalty you'lt want the puck on the opposite end of the ice as much as possible. Duh. One of the best ways to accomplish this once your goalle has it in his trapper is by giving a quick touch to the L2 button. This serves as a dump-in or a clear usually. But when your goalin's doing 1, it'll slap off the baards and accoit the length of the ice.

Second, don't pull your goalle way out of position when you're trying to move the puck up ice. It sounds simple, and for those hockey nuts rolling their eyes. Bite me. This is something even the hardcorre forgets. But it's truly an amateur move. Keep your goalle in the crease to make the quick outlet pass.

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Have a little pride and play some defense! Any yokei can shate up the ice and illip a weak wrister on net. Real hockey, today's hockey, is all about concentration and defensive savy and showing the slinky glove in some bed-wetting poster boy's sitly "mug. Try this:

First, don't overpursue the puck. Not every defenseman has the foot skills to get back and play defense, too. And if you're playing like a real mar/woman, you're got line changes kicking. So all you're doing is wearing down your blueliners. Pick your spots, or ready for a 3-on-1 the other way.

Second, don't overuse the Triangle/Big Hit button. It may

Tired of getting skated over by your roommate? Here are some slick tips to make sure you can withstand the barrage of slapshots to your goalie's mask.

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knock the victim into next week, but it takes your defenseman off his skates. Better to conservatively tap 0 and save the Big Hit for when you've run up the score. Otherwise, it'll probably just mean Big Penalties. Got it?

Third, if one of the opposition's studs has that goal-scoring glint in his eye, do whatever it takes to decapitate him. This is where all Big Hit bets are off. Here's a short list of forwards you want to see on their backside. Owen Nolan, Pavel Bure, Jaromir Jager, Petr Forsberg, Theo Fleury, Pavol Demitra, Brendan Shanaha, Brett Hull.

Finally, with the puck in the zone, try faking shots from the point. It'll open up lots of space for your forwards which equates to quality shots.

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#### NHL: Rock the Rink

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#### Nightmare Creatures II

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#### **Speed Punks**

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#### You unlock the extra modes and the characters the same way: beat the Arcade Mode. Try setting the difficulty to Easy and the fight count to 1. Listed below are the goods.

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#### Star Trek: Invasion

Unlock Everything: On the mission

## View Credits Screen: On any mission

Tomorrow Never Dies

Immunity from Bullets: SELECT,

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#### **Tony Hawk's Pro Skater**

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The Venice Beach madhouse is as impressive

visually as it is skate-wise. You'll need to leap off buildings and you'll even ollie the homeless.

TONY HAWK'S PRO SKATER



Alright, this is freakin' cool. Get up speed by riding this spine. Try tricking onto it with a No Comply or a Boneless



Now that your speed is up, go off this ramp and bust out some Kickflips. Now grind that rail to straighten up, then Boneless off that little lip.

Skip To Restart Option: Hold L1 and

Career Model Begin a new game and

press START to pause Press and hold

the L1 button and enter Circle, Right,

Jp, Down, Circle, Right, Up, Square,

correctly. Go to the main menu

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screen. Choose to continue the Career

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Voila! You're soaring, Hold down Triangle just in case you barely make it so you can grind that ledge. Sick move!



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#### X-Men: Mutant Academy

Unlock Everything: On the main menuishreen press SELECT, up 12 Rt \_1 R2 You will hear a voice tithe code was entered correctly Next, go to the Arcade Survival or Allademy modes and you will be able to play as Toad, Mystique Sabrelaoth and Magneto in Cerebro mode you will have access to all the cinemas and behind-the scenes footage

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press Square, Circle, X, Up, Down will become available Blowout Trick: This trick will blow WCW Mayhem open the game and give you a new character From the menu, access All Wrestlers: PLYHDNGYS

Play as Same Wrestlers: DPLGNGRS IPlay as the same wrestler as your opponent in versus mode ]

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e.s, medals, stats and FMV movies

Classic TNT Nitro: PLYNTRCLSC (On the ring selection screen, choose the N troining to wrestle at the TNT Nitro stadium

#### Enable Quest Cheat: CHI4DBST In Quest For The Best Model press Right

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#### Who Wants to Be a Millionaire: 2nd Ed. Replacement Names: Golto the

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OK, this is a pain in the bottom. You'll have to land on the ledge in a grind, then transition to the Bluntside (Down, Down, Triangle).



Want to reach the secret area? Stupid question. Ride the wire attached to the handicap incline-it'll break off if you get all the way to the cash.



So...trying to get hold of a PS2 was pretty fun huh? Just over 500,000 of you managed to get your hands on one during the first weekend, and with any luck those of you who weren't so fortunate have managed to get one of the 100,000 that have been arriving in stores each week since. We've spent the last month collecting stories from those of you who have a new best friend sitting under the TV...and those who don't.

#### The Case of the No-Shows

One interesting turn of events (if by "interesting" one means "frustrating enough to induce a homicidal rage"] took place at the local Sears. The setup calls proved promising, if perpixeng. The store would not have systems when they opened in the morning, but were expecting a shipment "around three o'clock". At 3 05 we arrived to find angry yellow signs posted on the doors. "There are no PlayStation II (sic) available in this store today." A suit in Home Appliances revealed that he, personally, had answered "about a thousand" calls about the PS2 that day But the systems had never shown up. The dejected faces of the hangers-on in Electronics confirmed the sad tale.

Apparently a Sony shipment had arrived around three as expected, but the boxes were packed with controllers, a few PS ones, and ...othing more. Store management made no claims about the impending arrival, but still the hopeful set up camp outside, hoping, hoping

Joe Rybicki Reviews Editor

#### The Pain of a Near Miss

I missed a PS2 by eight people. Eight! Are you I stening!? I got up early (about 9 am ) and drove a long and torturous distance (almost four miles) to the nearest Best Buy. All these people were I ned up anead of me, and I was, admittedly, a bit surprised when I wasn't escorted to the front of the line. And why wasn I there a sweet old lady bringing everyone orange juice!? I stood for what seemed an eternity lan hour and a half), in a seeming articu freeze labout 65 degrees], only to leave empty-handed. It's a cruel world when you so narrowly miss a PS2. I sympathize with you all

Todd Zuniga Associate Editor

#### **Crime & Punishment**

I've been a long-time gamer I've seen many system launches but never anything tike the PS2 launch. I woke up early on the 26th, my alarm set at 4 a m. and began the day of horror. I got in line at my local game store with about 70 other people. A man came out of the store telling us that in an hour the store would open, telling us to keep an orderly fashion and we'd all get a PS2 The doors swung open and 70 people shoved their way into the small door. People began to take PS2s from other customers' hands claiming they saw it first. People even fell while I slipped by and put one under my arm.

At the checkout a young boy was the first to get a PS2. He was so happy to get it. I saw him leave, very excited. Next thing I saw is something 'I'l never forget: Two men, one with a baseball bat, began grabbing the boy demanding his PS2. When the boy refused, the bat-welding man swung it at the boy sam. The boy dropped the PS2, falling to the ground. Outside other people saw what I saw and called the police. The police chased the men down and got the PS2 the store was so upset they gave the boy a new PS2 and two games. I ask myself why do people care enough about some box to actually hurt a child? digdowndirtydawg@aol.com

#### **The Deep Freeze**

The next time Sony decides to release a new console, it better be during the hottest summer ever, 'cause freezing my butt off in the dark for nine hours just to earn the right to spend 400-some-odd dollars at Best Buy is not my idea of fun At least I made a bunch of new friends when I handed out free copies of *EGM* and *OPM* to the people lined up behind me Iscrew the ones in front of me! It was cats and dogs and I wasn't getting wet for people ahead of me!I.

The next morning I woke up cold and alone (nothing new there) and stood in line for another few hours while the BB managers went on power trips. Soon, though, we applauded the first to exit the store with a new PS2, which he raised in triumph before promptly dropping it to the pavement below. But, of all that, seeing Zuniga miss out on a system by about eight people made it all worthwhite.

Now stop reading this and go play SSX.

Greg Sewart EGM Previews Editor

#### The Backfiring of Plan B

I preordered a PS2 at ebworld.com on June 17. When Sony announced the shortage in October, I got an e-mail from EB that said I wasn't getting a PS2 on launch day, it would come before Christmas. I was upset and set up plan B: the local K-mart, it was a school day so I asked my stepdad to wait about an hour before the store opened. When I came back from school I was upset to find K-Mart had sold out three hours before he got there. And I live in a really small town! I was so disappointed. Since I was waiting for a PS2 game I ordered, and it wasn't at the front door, I checked my back door and found a big package in the hallway. Could it be? Is it a PS2? Yes it was, I got my PS2 from ebworld.com two months ahead of schedule! I just want to thank anyone who cancelled their order at ebworld.com, and gave me my PS2. I'm real sorry for the people who waited hours or days in line to get a PS2. I feet fortunate that I was not one of them

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Tony Hawk's Pro Skate

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